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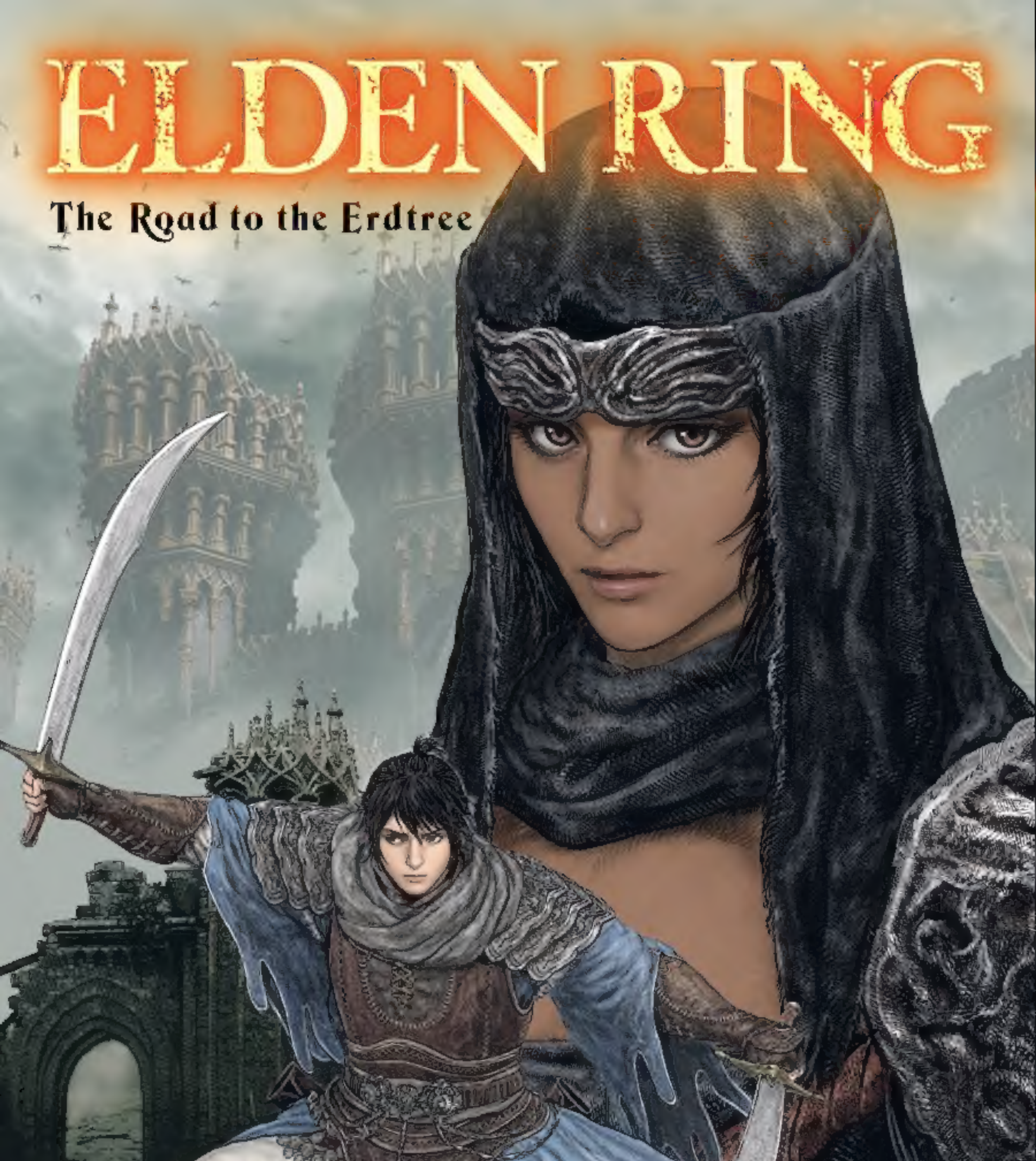

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Story

A Tarnished awakens in the Stranded Graveyard of the Lands Between, empty-handed, naked, and without any memories of what happened. With no way to survive on his own, he joins up with a mysterious woman named **Melina**. Melina offers to act as his Finger Maiden if he agrees to escort her to the foot of the Erdtree—and he accepts. She names the Tarnished **Aseo**. Together, they set off on their quest through the Lands Between.

NEEEEY?! OUR CONVO WAS TOTALLY LEADING TO A STRENGTH BUILD?! WHAT THE HELL?!
IN ANY CASE, YOU SEEM LIKE A DUMMY...
...SO I PUT ALL YOUR POINTS IN INTELLIGENCE.

The first leg of Aseo's journey leads him toward Stormveil Castle, home of the demigod **Godrick the Grafted**. Along the way, he runs into several inhabitants of the Lands Between. **Patches the Untethered** welcomes Aseo into his gang of bandits, then kicks him out; **Blaidd the Half-Wolf** enlists his help in settling an old grudge; and the demigod **Ranni the Witch** offers him a position in her service...

At last, Aseo arrives at Stormveil Castle. Though he makes it past the fearsome **Margit, the Fell Omen**, Aseo is soon captured by castle guards. **Sorcerer Rogier**, who also happened to be searching the castle, helps Aseo out of a jam before suddenly plummeting down the castle walls... **Will Aseo make it out of Stormveil Castle alive**, or is he destined to end up as the latest addition to Godrick's grafting collection!?

*The scenes depicted in this manga are the artist's own interpretation and should not be taken as official *Elden Ring* canon.

Chapter 10
Warrior Lady, O Warrior Lady

ALL CLEAR OVER HERE!!

GLANCE GLANCE

BAH, ON TO THE NEXT SPOT!!

FIND HIM!!

WHERE THE HELL DID HE GO?

SWISH

HE CAN'T HAVE LEFT THE CASTLE !!

PEEK

BUT MAN, THIS VEIL I FOUND IN A CHEST WHILE RUNNING AWAY SURE IS AMAZING.

I'M SAVED...

IT LETS ME BLEND RIGHT INTO THE BACK-GROUND...

SHWIIING

OKAY ...

MANAGED TO GIVE 'EM THE SLIP...

FWOO

!!

BUT... YIKES.

GNARLY CORPSE PILE...THEY MUST BE THE GRAFTING LEFTOVERS.

WHAT'S THAT? A GHOST?

...

FUNNY— IT DOESN'T SEEM SCARY...

SWISH

HUH?

IT'S SAYING SOME-THING, BUT I CAN'T MAKE IT OUT...

WHAT'S THIS?

A BROOCH... ON SOME FABRIC THAT MATCHES WHAT THE WOMAN IN THAT SHACK WAS WEARING...

NOW, THEN...

...I'M WORRIED ABOUT ROGIER.

RUSTLE

STEP

STEP

I SURE HOPE HE'S OKAY...

HUH... I GUESS IT'S A MEMENTO...

IF I BUMP INTO HER AGAIN, I'LL PASS IT ALONG...

MY COMPANIONS WERE GRAFTED...

SHIIIIING

AYUP— DIDN'T THINK THAT'D WORK!!

SLAAAM

DAMN!

WHAT *IS* THIS GUY...!!?

ROLL

ROLL

CREEP

CREEP

IS IT THE SAME ONE?

NOT THAT IT MATTERS... I'M TOO WEAK TO FIGHT IT ANYWAY!

NO CHOICE BUT TO RUN FOR IT...

HANG ON... HE LOOKS FAMILIAR...

!!?

OH, RIGHT! ONE OF THESE THINGS KNOCKED ME OFF THAT CLIFF!!

STOP RIGHT THERE !!

!!

I AM NEPHELI LOUX— WARRIOR !!

NEPHELI LOUX, WARRIOR

WEAPON SKILL—

THUNDER-STORM!

DAMNED LACKEY OF GODRICK! LET THE WINDS LIFT YOU TO A HIGHER PLACE...!!

FRICKIN' RAD...!!

'SCUSE ME...

WHAT A LIFE-SAVER!!

SHE MUST BE THE OTHER TARNISHED GOSTOC MENTIONED !!

!!!

FLINCH

たじっ

...

H-HEY, WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA!?

WHAT THE—!!?

KABAM

HNNH!!

LET THE WINDS LIFT YOU TO A HIGHER PLACE ...!!

POSE

キメッ

I HATE TO INTERRUPT A GOOD CATCH-PHRASE, BUT THE BAD GUY'S OVER THERE!!

HOP

ぴょん

YEAH! YOU GOT IT!!

...I SEE WHAT'S GOING ON HERE!!

GLANCE

WHAT?

SURE AM ...!!

RISE

I THOUGHT YOU WERE ONE OF GODRICK'S LOT

OH!

TARNISHED, ARE YOU...?

I'LL JUST STAND BACK HERE

GO ON— KEEP FIGHTING!

NO, NO!! I'M IN OVER MY HEAD HERE!! I COULD REALLY USE YOUR HELP!!

A WARRIOR LIKE ME SHOULD KNOW BETTER!!

YOU WERE IN THE MIDDLE OF A ONE-ON-ONE DUEL TO THE DEATH!!

SCRATCH THAT— THIS WARRIOR DOESN'T GET ANYTHING...

SORRY FOR BUTTING IN!!

H-HOLD UP...DID YOU MISS THE REST OF HIM...!!? HE LOOKS LIKE HE COULD WRECK A WHOLE GANG OF ADULTS!!

JUST LOOK AT THAT CHERUBIC FACE!

IT'S JUST A WHELP! TWO ADULTS FIGHTING ONE CHILD WOULDN'T BE FAIR...

...

ARE ALL THE BRAWNY TYPES IN THE LANDS BETWEEN LIKE THIS...?

BLAIDD WAS A DUMMY TOO...

???

HUH?

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

SMUG

YOU'RE JUST COVERING FOR MISSING HIS FREAKY BODY...

HA...!! ONLY A SECOND-RATE FIGHTER JUDGES BY LOOKS.

DO YOU WANT TO BE A TRUE WARRIOR OR NOT?

DO I LOOK LIKE A WARRIOR TO YOU!!?

WARRIOR THIS, WARRIOR THAT— SHOVE IT!!

ANY-WAY!

A TRUE WARRIOR STANDS AND FINISHES THE BATTLES HE STARTS!!

WE TARNISHED ARE WARRIORS!! QUELL YOUR DOUBTS! PURGE YOUR FEAR OF COMBAT!!

WHY WOULD YOU RUN?

HUH?

...

SIIIGH..

AW MAN... I WAS JUST GONNA RUN AWAY...

HOW'D IT END UP LIKE THIS...?

UH...I DUNNO.

I JUST DODGED AS A REFLEX.

.....

YOU DEFTLY DODGED HIS FIRST ATTACK...

SLAAAP

NOTHING TO IT BUT TO DO IT!!

NOW GO BE A WARRIOR !!

...NOT TO MENTION MINE AS WELL!

YOU'RE FIT ENOUGH FOR THE FIGHT!

SWAK

SWIP

ALL RIGHT, DAM-MIT...!

JUST GOTTA GIVE IT MY BEST SHOT...

SQUIRM

SQUIRM

HOW DO I DO THIS...?

THERE'S NO ROOM TO USE ASHES... HE'S GOT ME BEAT FOR REACH...

SKRITCH

SKRITCH

PLUS I GOTTA STUDY SOME INCANTA-TIONS...

UM... CAN WE GET THIS OVER WITH?

I'VE KINDA GOT PLANS THIS AFTER-NOON...

I'VE COMPLETELY LOST THE PLOT HERE...

NOW LOOK!! WHAT KIND OF ADULT MAKES A CHILD ACCOM-MODATE HIM!!?

CNG

?

OKAY, IT'S ALL OR NOTH-ING...

I MIGHT PULL IT OFF IF I CAN GET IN CLOSE...

...BUT HOW DO I SLIP IN THERE?

HE CAST OFF HIS ARMOR?

IS HE RUSHING IN FOR A SUICIDE ATTACK?

SWOOSH

RUSTLE

SWIPE

SCRUB

SCRUB

SCRUB

HYEEEAAARGH!!!

BUBBLE

BUBBLE

BUBBLE

COULD IT BE!!?

I GOT A BUNCH TOO!!

IT IS! IT'S THE STORMVEIL-SCENTED GODRICK-BRAND SOAP THE GATE-KEEPER HANDED OUT!!

!!?

HE LUBED HIMSELF UP WITH SOAP TO ROLL FASTER ...!!?

SQUIK SQUIK SQUIK SQUIK SQUIK

SLASH

CLANK

SHUNK

SHUNK

NO...

TOO FAST

YEAH!! GOT 'EM!!

I MAY BE PRETTY STRONG AFTER ALL...

WHAAAM

...

SHOOM

!!

BLINK

...

HEY!

ARE YOU OKAY? STAY WITH ME!!

SHIMMMM

IN THAT CASE, YOU WON.

IT WAS SPLENDID. THE WINDS BLOW WELL UPON YOU.

WHUP

UM... HOW'D THE FIGHT TURN OUT?

AH...

AH, THERE'S NOTHING LIKE FINDING A FELLOW TARNISHED WHO'S COWARDLY...

I KNEW I'D JUDGED YOU CORRECTLY!

IS SHE FOR REAL ...?

...AND GOADING 'EM INTO SHOWING THEIR TRUE POTENTIAL!

THE SOAP MADE YOUR FILTHY BODY NICE AND CLEAN!!

UH, STICK TO THE FIGHT, PLEASE...

OH, YEAH ...!!

I'M, UH, ASEO...

CLENCH

A-ALSO WAR-RIOR!!

AND YOU ARE?

ONCE AGAIN, I AM NEPHELI LOUX.

WARRIOR.

!!

HEY!! OVER HERE! I FOUND THEM!!

RUN FOR IT!!

YES, MA'AM !!

LASH

THEY'VE GOT US OUT-NUMBERED.

TRUMP TRUMP TRUMP

!!

DO YOU KNOW WHERE THIS WAY LEADS?

THE COURT-YARD!! WITH ALL THE GUARDS SEARCHING FOR US, SECURITY SHOULD BE LIGHT!!

WELL, NOW...

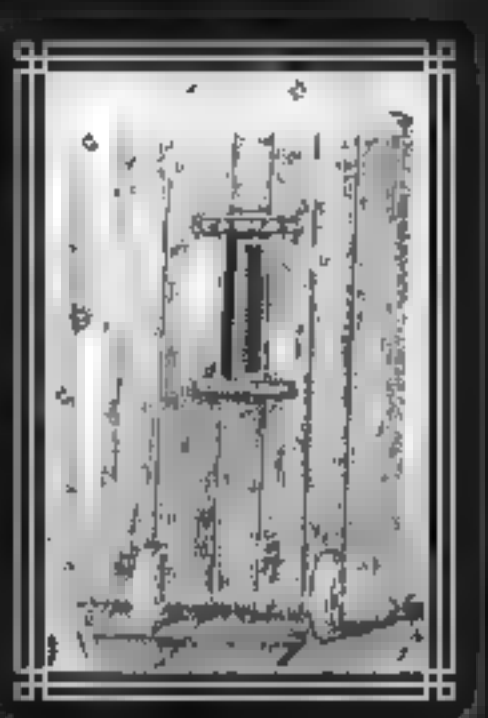
HIDE-AND-SEEK WAS FUN...

...BUT PLAYTIME IS OVER.

NOW IT'S GRAFTING TIME!!

TO BE CONTINUED

Mimic's Veil



A golden veil of intricate design.
Its user can expend FP to mimic
nearby objects.
It provides surprisingly effective cover, as
long as you don't move around too much
in front of your foes or bump into them.

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PREPARE FOR THE GRAFTING CONTEST ...THE GREAT RUNE RUSH!!!

CHAPTER 11
Sensibility Received Above

WOWWW!

...

HUH !?

WHA...

WHAT'S GOING ON...?

GRIN

WERE YOU SURPRISED!? SORRY TO SPRING IT ON YA!!!

PFFFT! DON'T PLAY DUMB, SILLY!!

SKRITCH SKRITCH

UM...

I DON'T REALLY CARE ABOUT GREAT RUNES OR WHATEVER. CAN I GO?

WHENEVER A TARNISHED TRIES TO SCORE MY GREAT RUNE, I GRAFT 'EM, NO QUESTIONS ASKED.

HIP, HIP, HOORAY!

BOOM

CLAP

BUT THIS TIME, I THOUGHT, WHY NOT MAKE IT A TEAM-BUILDING ACTIVITY?

UH RIGHT

EVERYONE'S WATCHING!

NOW SHUT UP AND LISTEN, OR ELSE YOU'LL GET GRAFTED, GOT IT?

LOWLY TARNISHED.

NO TEAM-BUILDING ACTIVITY IN THE WORLD COULD MAKE THIS GUY A DECENT BOSS...

POKE

I'M HERE BY DECREE OF MY FATHER!

YOUR GRAFTING ILL BEFITS A LORD!! IT TAINTS THE VERY WINDS!!!

GODRICK!!

!!

SWISH

HEY!!

SPEAK FOR YOURSELF! YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT HE'S GONNA MAKE US DO!!

SQUEEZE

PUMPED

BUT!!

THIS EVENT LOOKS LIKE FUN, SO WE WARRIORS ARE GLAD TO JOIN IN!!

WHAT KIND OF CONTEST IS THIS...?

HERE ARE SOME EXAMPLES

LORD GODRICK AND THE TARNISHED DUO...

...WILL COMPETE TO MAKE THE BEST GRAFTING.

GIVE THE WARRIOR A REST, ALREADY!!

WE'RE WARRIORS! WE'LL BE FINE!

ARGH!

C'MON!

ALLOW ME TO EXPLAIN THE RULES.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES, GODRICK KNIGHT

...BUT IF THE TARNISHED WIN, THEY'LL EARN LORD GODRICK'S GREAT RUNE!

...WELP, WE'RE NOT GETTING OUT OF THIS ALIVE.

SHOULD LORD GODRICK WIN, THE TARNISHED WILL BE GRAFTED...

WHOEVER EARNS THE HIGHEST SCORE FROM THE THREE JUDGES WINS!

HEE HEE HEE.

H...

HI THERE ...

NOD 20°

GOSTOC

ON THE RIGHT, HE'S NO STRANGER TO SNAGGING SACRI-FICES— GATE-KEEPER GOSTOC!

LET'S MEET OUR PANEL OF JUDGES!

ON BEHALF OF EVERYONE IN THE ROYAL CAPITAL, I HOPE TO BE A FAIR AND IMPARTIAL JUDGE!!

BOW 70°

HELLO, EVERYONE! TREE SENTINEL HERE!

NEXT, AN EXPERT IN LEYNDELL FASHION TRENDS, THE TREE SENTINEL!

GEEZ, THAT GUY'S PRETTY SOCIABLE FOR A NEWB-KILLER...

HE'S STILL A JERK...

TREE SENTINEL

MY PLEASURE.

NOD

LAST BUT NOT LEAST, A WANDERING MAIDEN...

MEET MELINA!

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING HERE...?

CRAP ...

WHAT DO I DO? THIS GRAFTING THING'S EASIER SAID THAN DONE...

OUR CONTES-TANTS MAY ONLY USE THE PROVIDED MATERIALS FOR THEIR GRAFTINGS !!

HEY!

ASEO !!

HERE'S SOME CLAY...

...AND A TWIG?

WHAT?

I'D REALLY RATHER NOT MESS WITH ANY CORPSES ...

BOOM

BOOM

CLANG

CLANG

WWVVVZZZZZ

BANG

YOU HAVE THIRTY MINUTES!

BEGIN !!

NO!!

I CAN'T ?

? ? ?

UH-OH, LOOKS LIKE TEAM TARNISHED IS ALREADY CRUMBLING!

PLAYING WITH CLAY SURE IS FUN!!

THESE GUYS ARE ALL OVER THE LANDS BETWEEN!

LOOK AT THIS!!

I MADE A SPRING-HARE!! CUTE, HUH?

DON'T YOU LISTEN!!? YOU JUST CAN'T MAKE WHAT-EVER YOU WANT!!

HEE HEE HEE...

I'VE TOTES GOT THIS GAME IN THE BAG FROM THE START!!

SMIRK

MEAN-WHILE, LORD GODRICK HASN'T LIFTED A FINGER! HE'S STANDING THERE, SMILING!

...

WHY? 'COS I'VE GOT MY DRAGON SET ASIDE FOR THE OCCASION!!

JUST GOTTA WAIT FOR THE PERFECT MOMENT TO UNVEIL IT!!

HEE HEE HEE.

COULD HE BE PLANNING OUT HIS DESIGN IN HIS MIND?

AN OCTOPUS!? IT'S OBVIOUSLY A HAND!!

WHAT'S THAT? AN OCTOPUS?

IT LOOKS LIKE TEAM TARNISHED IS MAKING MOVES!

KNEAD KNEAD

!!?

THAT YOUNG MAN!!

WHAT MARVELOUS SENSI-BILITY!!

HUH!? FOR REAL!?

FROM FETCHING HELMS TO FINE CUISINE, OCTO-PUSES ARE HOT IN THE CAPITAL!!

OF COURSE, MISS MELINA!!

MAY I WEIGH IN?

YOU'RE ALREADY RIDING THE TREND TO TOP MARKS FROM ME!

WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU ON HERE!!?

I KNOW HOW LOW HIS INTELLIGENCE IS— IT CAN'T BE SENSIBILITY!!

TRUST ME. IT'S DUMB LUCK.

QUIT MAKING WEIRD STUFF ON YOUR OWN!!!

EH HEH HEH!

LOOK, ASEO! A SPRING-HARE-TOPUS!!

COME TO THINK OF IT, WHEN HE CHALLENGED ME TO MOUNTED COMBAT EARLIER, HIS TACTICS WERE... LACKING.

HEY, WHAT HAPPENED TO "FAIR AND IMPARTIAL"?

SO LACKING, IT ANGERS ME TO REMEMBER. I TAKE BACK MY PRAISE!!

I GUESS IT'S TIME I GOT READY...

WHY ARE YOU MAD? THOUGHT WE COULD MAKE WHATEVER WE WANTED

HEE HEE HEE...

THAT'S LITERALLY THE OPPOSITE OF WHAT I SAID!

SORRY, TARNISHED. YOU'RE NOT UP TO SNUFF...

HUH?

ALL THE JUDGES ARE AGAINST US TOO..

DAM-MIT!

WE'VE GOTTA MAKE SOMETHING WITH SOME REAL IMPACT, OR ELSE...

WE'RE NEVER GONNA WIN LIKE THIS...

JOLT

HEY!! WHAT THE —!!?

SURE !!

IF IT'S OVER THERE, IT'S FAIR GAME.

UH, 'SCUSE ME?

TWITCH

ARE WE ALLOWED TO USE THAT DRAGON TOO?

NO, NO, NO!

OUT OF THE QUES-TION.

COME ON, ASEO! THAT'S THE EASY WAY!!

WHAT NOW ?

WHAT!!?

YEAH ...

PLUS OCTOPUSES ARE TASTIER THAN DRAGONS.

EVERY-ONE'S REASONS MAKE SENSE BUT YOJRS ...

IT'S AN AUTO-FAILURE FOR ME TOO.

OH... I SEE...

HUH!?

IT'S A CREATIVITY CONTEST, RIGHT?

SURE, DRAGONS HAVE INHERENT IMPACT...

...BUT THERE'S NO CRAFTS-MANSHIP TO JUST SLAPPING IT ON!

YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?

...BUT MOST WOULD SCOFF. THE DRAGON GETS AN INSTANT ZERO FROM ME.

THE CHURCH OF DRAGON COMMUNION HAS FOLLOWERS IN THE CAPITAL, AND THEY'D BE INTO IT...

INDEED.

TH—

THIS IS BAD ...!!!

WHAT SAY YOU, GOSTOC?

ME?

UM... IT'S FINE, I GUESS ...

THREE MINUTES LEFT!

KSHH
KSHH
KSHH
KSHH

!!?

TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE

IF I GO FOR THE DRAGON NOW, I'LL LOSE TWO TO ONE!!

HOW COULD I LOSE TO THEM!? THEIR GRAFTINGS DON'T HAVE A SHRED OF TASTE ...!!

DAMN- GUESS I GOTTA' STICK WITH THE HAND, THEN

QUIVER
QUIVER
QUIVER

HUH? REALLY?

MY... LORD GODRICK HASN'T EVEN STARTED YET! WHAT'S HIS PLAN...?

HANG ON A SEC...

WHAT DO I DO?

I'LL NEVER MAKE ANYTHING IN TIME!!

NNNNGH...!!

HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN TO ME...?

FOR GODRICK THE GRAFTED TO MAKE SUCH A BLUNDER ...!!

I HAVEN'T FAILED THIS BADLY...

...SINCE THAT HUMILIATING DEFEAT...!!

I CAN'T...

I CAN'T LOOK THAT PATHETIC AGAIN...

NOT IN FRONT OF ALL MY SOLDIERS ...!!!

BEAR WITNESS TO THE TRUE WORTH OF GODRICK, DESCENDANT OF THE ELDEN LORD!!!

SWOOSH

RUSTLE

RUSTLE

RUSTLE

THERE'S STILL TIME!!

CLATTER

CLATTER

CLATTER

AMAZING! SUCH SPEED!

SHWID

SHWID

SHWID

SHWID

SHWID

!!?

WHAT SORT OF GRAFTING IS LORD GODRICK MAKING!?

GODRICK

ASEO

NEPH

.....

J-
JUDGES,
YOUR
DECISIONS,
PLEASE...

UM...
OKAY...

WITH
TWO
VOTES
AGAINST
ONE...

...TEAM
TARNISHED
ARE THE
WINNERS!!!

SWIP

.....

TARNISHED

TARNISHED

GODRICK

*HE
TOTALLY
COPIED
ME.*

I, UM... I CAN'T B-BELIEVE THIS HAP-PENED...

YOU FIRST, GOSTOC ...

GLOOM

MURMUR

M-MOVING ON...

LET'S HEAR THE JUDGES' COMMENTS...

THIS AIN'T GOOD.

WHAT D'WE DO?

DAAAAAAZE

TREE SENTINEL ?

I COULDN'T THINK OF ANY-THING...

CHEATERS NEVER PROSPER!!

THREE WORDS —

YEAH... WHO WOULDA THOUGHT, HUH!!?

SLAAAP

WE DID IT, ASEO !!

YOU KNOW, I'M IN THE MOOD FOR OCTOPUS FOR DINNER.

MISS MELINA?

AGAIN, WHAT'RE YOU EVEN GOING ON ABOUT!!?

HALT...

WELL, THEN!

THE GREAT RUNE RUSH GRAFTING CONTEST IS FINI—

LOWLY TAR-NISHED ...

SWOOSH

...PLAYING AS A LORD ...!!

SUCH A CONTEST...

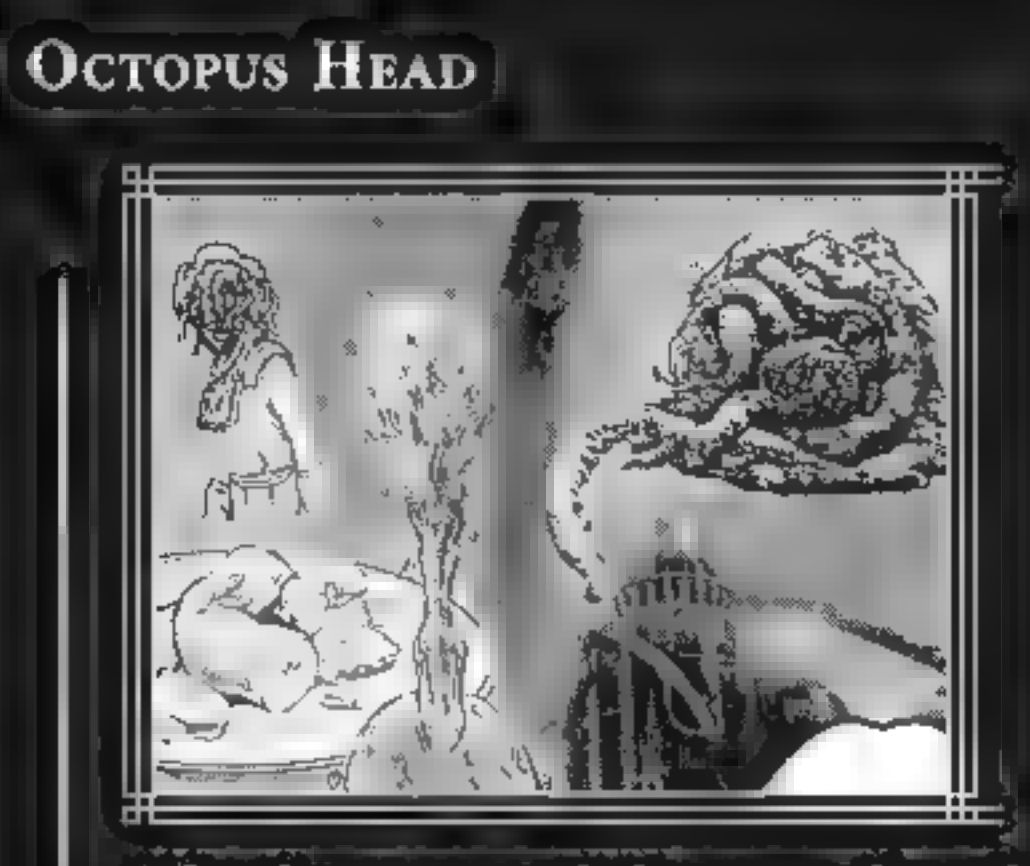
...DECIDES NOTHING ...!!

...I KNEW IT.

NO WAY IT'D BE THAT EASY...

I AM THE LORD OF ALL THAT IS GOLDEN!

I COM-MAND THEE, KNEEL!



A land octopus whelp worn directly on the head.
Its jiggly, organic elasticity is excellent for negating strikes, but it has a lingering warmth reminiscent of human skin—and it stinks.
Is this really the latest fashion over in the Royal Capital of Leyndell?

HMPH!

WHOOOOOOSH

NGH...

CHAPTER 12
Behold, the Lord of All That Is Golden

SLAM

CLANG

WELL...

YOU MOCKED ME BEFORE...

...ABOUT GRAFTING MY DRAGON.

DOOOOOOM

OH CRAP! HE'S, LIKE, FRIGGIN' STRONG!!

RIGHT... THAT'S ONE WAY TO DESCRIBE A DEMIGOD...

!!

GWOOSH

YOU'RE THE ONES WHO DON'T GET IT!!

YOU PHILISTINES WHO CAN'T GET BEYOND YOUR PRECONCEIVED NOTIONS!! KNEEL BEFORE TRUE ARTISTRY!!!

LET'S SEE IF YOU LAUGH WHEN YOU SEE IT FOR REAL!!

!!?

MURMUR

AHH, TRUEST OF DRAGONS...

LEND ME THY STRENGTH ...!!!

WHEEZE

WHEEZE

SPURT

SHUK

THOOM

FORE-FA-THERS, ONE AND ALL—

SURGH

TWITCH

BEAR WIT-NESS !!!

!!!

THIS IS A DEMIGOD'S STRENGTH!!? THERE'S NO WAY WE'RE WINNING A STRAIGHT FIGHT!!!

BOOOOOOM

RGH ...!!

GLARE

...IN ANOTHER GRAFTING CONTEST! PREPARE FOR ROUND TWO!!!

WAIT. THAT'S THE KINDA FIGHT YOU WANT?

WE HAVE TO KEEP DOING IT ?

FWOOOOOOSH!

TAR-NISHED!! LET US SETTLE THIS!!

JUDGES, YOUR NEW VERDICTS, PLEASE...!!!

FWIP

UHHH... THAT'S RIGHT, FOLKS! WE'RE INTO EXTRA INNINGS!

CAN LORD GODRICK TURN THE GAME AROUND WITH A NEW MASTER-PIECE!!?

FWIP

TARNISHED

SWIP

TARNISHED

GODRICK

FWIP

TREMBLE

TREMBLE

NO WAY...!!

H-HOW COULD THIS BE!!?

I'M THE BEST, NO MATTER HOW YOJ LOOK AT IT !!

TWO TO ONE AGAIN !!

THE RESULTS REMAIN UNCHANGED !!!

THE NEW PIECE SHOWS DIGNITY, TRUE AUTHORITY, AND MIGHT WORTHY OF THE NAME GODRICK THE GOLDEN...

...BUT AS WE SAID BEFORE, THERE'S NO CRAFTS-MANSHIP TO USING THE MATERIALS AS IS.

TREE SENTINEL

TREE SENTINEL, ANY COM-MENTS !?

MELINA

M...

MISS MELINA !?

AGAIN, IT'S A HAND...

...JUST AS ASEO DID WITH HIS SPLENDID OCTOPUS!!

TRUE ART LIES IN MAKING SOME-THING FROM NOTH-ING...

.....

THERE'S NOTHING TO SAY. ISN'T IT AGAINST THE RULES TO WHIP OUT ANOTHER GRAFTING AFTER TIME'S UP, ANYWAY?

THERE'S THE MERCILESS MELI-MELI I KNOW...

BESIDES, WE'RE *JUDGING YOUR SUBMISSIONS.* HOW CAN YOU SUBMIT A DRAGON THAT'S STILL STUCK TO YOUR ARM?

CHOP IT OFF AGAIN AND WE'LL TALK.

TEAM TARNISHED ARE THE WINNERS!!!

YANK

TH-THERE YOU HAVE IT, FOLKS! THE DECISION STANDS!

.....

WHOOOOOOSH

!!

HUNGRY FOR MORE, GODRICK ?

WHUMP

OOOOOOOM

FOUL TAR-NISHED ...

ALL I WANTED WAS TO BE A GOLDEN LORD MY FOREFATHERS WOULD BE PROUD OF.!!

..SO I STUDIED GRAFTING REAL HARD TO GET STRONGER!

I WAS S-SO SICK OF BEING WEAK..

BOO HOO HOO..

BUT I DON'T EVEN WANNA DO ANYTHING ANYMORE!!

SOB

LIKE, WHAT'S THE DEAL!!?

WHY CAN'T ONE THING JUST GO THE WAY I WANT IT TO!!?

WHAAAT ...?

THIS TOTALLY SUCKS!! I QUIT BEIN' A DEMIGOD!!!

MUMBLE

YEAH... NOWHERE TO GO NOW...

GULP

THIS COULD BE IT FOR US...

!!?

LORD GODRICK!! PLEASE DON'T LOSE HOPE!!

SWOOSH

LOOK, ASEO! LOOK !!

BEAR WITNESS TO MY WORK!!

WHAT ARE YOU, A KID...?

READ THE ROOM! THERE'S EXPOSITION GOING ON!

HUH?

I MEAN... I WAS JUST BEGGING FOR MERCY

I RE-MEMBER, MILORD!!

I REMEMBER HOW VALIANT YOU LOOKED DEFENDING OUR LAND FROM THE BLADE OF MIQUELLA!!

PLEASE DON'T GIVE UP, LORD GOD-RICK!!

DON'T YOU ALWAYS SAY YOU'LL RETURN TO THE FOOT OF THE ERDTREE SOME-DAY!?

YOU ARE MIGHTY, MILORD!!

HE'S RIGHT!! IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOU, LIMGRAVE WOULD LOOK LIKE CAELID NOWADAYS!!

WE'LL GET YOU ALL THE GRAFTING MATERIALS YOU WANT, OKAY!? BEARS! CRABS!! CRAYFISH, EVEN...!!!

YOU ALWAYS LOOK DOWN ON ME AND PUSH ME ABOUT...

...BUT EVEN I CAN'T STAND TO SEE YOU THIS WAY!!!

G-GOSTOC ...!!

.....

TCH!

GODRICK!!

BWOMMMM

BOOM

BOOM

BOOM

GODRICK!!

CLANG

CLANG

BWOHMM

WON'T WE, MEN!?

SWISH

YEAH!!

GROWL

GRRR

GRRR

THUNK

HE'LL ATTACK FOR REAL NOW!

YEAH...!!

READY, ASEO ...!!?

GODRICK!

GODRICK!

YOU GUYS...

THANKS SOOO MUCH ...!!

GODRICK!

GRAB

I'M OKAY NOW ...!!

Y'KNOW WHAT...?

THE FIGHT'S OVER...

...AND I LOST!!

!!?

HUH?

WHO, ME?

TAR-NISHED.

COME HERE.

STAND DOWN !!

L-LORD GODRICK !!?

RUSTLE

RUFFLE

?

LESSEE, WHERE DID I PUT IT...?

COULDA SWORN IT WAS HERE...

I LOST THE GREAT RUNE RUSH FAIR AND SQUARE.

AS LORD OF ALL THAT IS GOLDEN, I CAN'T WARP THE RULES TO SUIT MYSELF, EVEN IF IT'S JUST A FUN CONTEST.

SWIP

IF IT'S SO GREAT, WHY JUST WHIP IT OUT LIKE THAT...?

A LITTLE MORE SHOWMAN-SHIP WOULD BE NICE

AHA! HERE IT IS!

TAKE THIS WITH YOU. IT'S MY GREAT RUNE!

BESIDES ...

...I'VE GOT SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT RIGHT HERE...!!

BOOM

BOOM

CLAP

CLAP

CLAP

CLAP

SNIFFLE

-OHH

LORD GODRICK!!

GLEEEAM

ARE YOU SURE? ISN'T THIS THING PRETTY IMPOR-TANT...?

TRUDGE

TRUDGE

TAKE IT... I DON'T NEED IT ANYMORE.

NO MORE FOLLOWING TRENDS!

SHIMMER

PPPPP

GRIN

FROM NOW ON, I SET THEM!!

LET'S MAKE THIS AN EVEN BETTER PLACE THAN THE CAPITAL— TOGETHER!!

IN MY THIRST FOR POWER, I GOT SO WRAPPED UP IN GRAFTING...

...THAT I DIDN'T REALIZE HOW HARD I WAS PUSHING YOU ALL.

I'M REALLY SORRY.

UM... ABOUT THAT, MILORD...

!!

ABOUT WHAT YOU SAID BEFORE...

GLARE

GOSTOC !!

.....

HUH?

NOW GET GOING!!

TAKE THE SOLDIERS AND ROUND ME UP SOME BEARS, CRABS, AND CRAYFISH, 'KAY!!?

THANKS FOR TELLING ME...!!

YES!! MY DAYS OF COLLECTING GRAFTING MATERIALS ARE OVER...

...RIGHT!!

BLUSH

WAIT A SEC...

WORK'S ABOUT TO GET EVEN HARDER, ISN'T IT...?

WE'RE ON A HIGHER DIFFICULTY SETTING THAN THE TARNISHED ARE.

SPARKLE

SPARKLE

LET'S ALL BEAR WITNESS, COMFY-STYLE!!

SINCE ALL YOU GUYS ARE PULLING FOR ME, I'VE GOTTA HAVE EVEN BETTER GRAFTINGS THAN BEFORE!!

WHOOOOOOSH...

UM... SURE.

MAYBE IF WE HAVE TIME...

WAVE

WAVE

WAVE

LET'S TOTALLY HAVE ANOTHER GRAFTING CONTEST AGAIN SOON, GUYS!!

OH CRAP!!

I NEVER RAN INTO ROGIER AGAIN EITHER...

I WONDER IF HE FOUND WHAT HE WAS AFTER AND ESCAPED...

...

THAT SHOULD IMPROVE THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN LIMGRAVE A BIT.

I'M NOT REALLY SURE MUCH IS GONNA CHANGE...

THE WINDS BLOW SLIGHTLY CLEANER

I MUST TELL MY FOSTER FATHER EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED HERE!!

NOW, THEN...

...WE PART WAYS HERE, ASEO!!

I'LL SEE YOU AT ROUNDTABLE HOLD, SHOULD THE FATES DEIGN IT.

OH... REALLY ?

?

LEAP

SEE YA!!

H-HEY! YOU'RE GOING *THAT* WAY!!?

EVERYONE KEEPS MENTIONING THAT PLACE, BUT I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE IT IS...

STEP

OKAY... HERE'S A GOOD SPOT...

SHE SLIPPED AWAY WHILE I WASN'T LOOKING, THOUGH...

MAYBE MELI-MELI KNOWS ABOUT ROUND-TABLE HOLD.

.....

BOY, SHE'S CRAZY THROUGH AND THROUGH, HUH?

RUSTLE

HOP

MAYBE SHE LIKES JUMPING FROM HIGH SPOTS

SHIIIIING

WHERE THE HELL DID SHE GO...?

WHA —?

IF YOU'RE OFF TO ROUNDTABLE HOLD, I CAN TAKE YOU THERE.

HUH? YOU CAN?

YOU REALLY WENT OFF TO CATCH AN OCTOPUS ...?

OCTOPUS SURE IS TASTY.

FOR-GIVE ME...

I'VE BEEN... TESTING YOU.

!!?

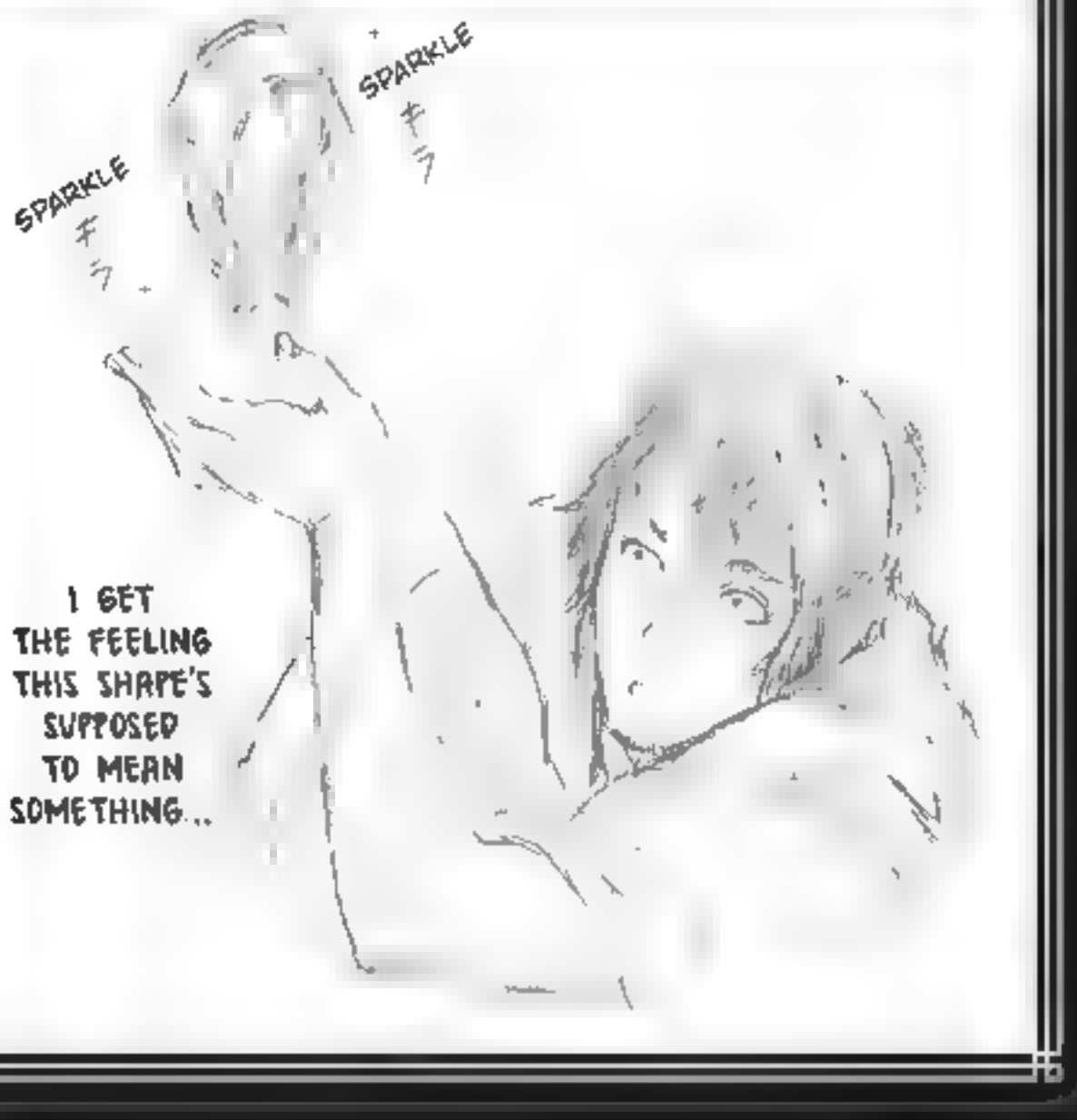
TO BE CONTINUED!

BUT THERE'S SOMETHING I SHOULD TELL YOU FIRST.

SWIPE

Godrick's Great Rune

A Great Rune of the shardbearer Godrick the Grafted.
Its blessing raises all attributes.
Something this valuable should probably be won through deadly combat, not given away as a grafting contest prize.



ELDEN RING

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CHAPTER 13
Be Wary of First Impressions Ahead

YOU'VE BEEN TESTING ME...?

FOR WHAT...?

.....

C'MON, THOUGH. I'M NOT THAT GREAT...

TORRENT HAD YOUR MEASURE FROM THE VERY START.

AND YET, I...

TO SEE WHETHER OR NOT GRACE TRULY DOES GUIDE YOU.

AND WHETHER YOU ARE FIT TO FACE THE CHALLENGE THAT ENTAILS.

IT SEEMS MY WORRIES WERE UN-FOUNDED ...!!

SORRY, BUT COULD YOU LOSE THE OCTOPUS DURING SERIOUS TIME ?

THERE IS BUT ONE THING I CAN DO TO OFFER YOU GUIDANCE.

BURP

SWIP

MAN, I NEVER HAVE ANY CLUE WHAT MELI-MELI IS THINKING ...

AT LEAST SHE'S GIVING ME A LITTLE CREDIT NOW.

WHEREAS I...

-CHOMP- -CHOMP-

...MERELY PRETENDED.

AGAIN, THE MOUTH FULL OF OCTOPUS KINDA UNDERMINES YOUR POINT ...

VERY WELL ...

LET MY HAND REST UPON YOU FOR BUT A MOMENT.

AT ROUND-TABLE HOLD...

...YOU'LL FIND OTHER TARNISHED, AS WELL AS THE TWO FINGERS AND THOSE WHO SERVE THEM.

OHH...?

ROG SAID I'D BE POPULAR 'COS I'M GUIDED BY GRACE! SUPERSTAR COMING THROUGH ...!!

GIDDY

GIDDY

THAT'S NOT ALL, RIGHT?

I HEARD THERE'S A BUNCH OF HEROES THERE TOO!!

ROGIER SAID SO!!

I SO WANNA GO!!

ROUND-TABLE HOLD

STILL, I DON'T SEE ANY HEROES OR FINGER-WHATSITS AROUND HERE...

MAYBE THEY'RE ALL OUT DOING HERO-STUFF

HOLY CRAP! THAT THING IS LIKE THE HERD HONCHO OF ALL GRACE

FROM WHAT MELI-MELI SAID...

...THIS PLACE ISN'T TECHNI-CALLY PART OF THE LANDS BETWEEN.

WH...

WHO'RE YOU ...!!?

OH...

THIS IS A RARE OCCASION.

.....

ALLOW ME A WORD OF ADVICE, AS YOUR SENIOR.

SIR GIDEON OFNIR, THE ALL-KNOWING

A NEW TARNISHED HERE AT THE ROUND-TABLE...

TUNK

?

YOU ARE A MERE VISITOR TO THE ROUND-TABLE— NOTHING MORE.

A HOUSE GUEST YET TO EARN HIS KEEP.

.....

DIDN'T EVEN INTRODUCE HIMSELF

GEEZ, WHAT'S GOT GRAMPS SO GRUMPY?

TUNK

TUNK

REMEMBER YOUR PLACE...

...NEW-COMER.

ALWAYS THE SAME OLD BOTHER...

TUNK

TUNK

...

...JUST ANOTHER NAMBY-PAMBY TARNISHED, THINKING US NO MORE THAN A SHELTER FROM THE RAIN...

AND WHAT IN THE WORLD IS HE WEARING...?

TUNK

TUNK

TUNK

FOOL...

WHO KNOWS HOW HE WANDERED IN HERE, BUT...

!!?

SCRAPE
SCRAPE
JUST GOTTA MOVE THIS TABLE.

HOKAY!!

THIS LOOKS LIKE A GOOD SPOT...

HELPLESS BUFFOON...

PARADING HIS BUF-FOONERY ABOUT...

IF ANYONE NEEDS PRIVATE SPACE, IT'S ME! THIS IS MY STUDY!!

SCRAPE
SCRAPE

FIND SOME-WHERE ELSE TO LOITER!!

WELL...

IF I'M GONNA MOOCH AROUND HERE FOR A WHILE, I'LL NEED SOME PRIVATE SPACE...

WHA...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, YOU IMBECILE!!? AND WHEN DID YOU GET IN HERE!!?

SCRAPE

ENSHA OF THE ROYAL REMAINS

SWOOSH

SEE OUR GUEST OUT, WILL YOU!!?

ENSHA!!

WHOOPS! MY BAD.

CLATTER
CLATTER
THROB
THROB
THUMP

AW, CUT ME SOME SLACK!!

WE'RE BOTH TAR-NISHED, RIGHT? LET'S BE FRIENDS !!

DOES THIS ILL-MANNERED MORON HAVE NO IDEA THAT I RUN ROUNDTABLE HOLD...?

POP

!!?

ENOOUGH!!!

SILENCE!!

AND ENSHA, QUIT WALKING AROUND IN THAT POSE!!

IT IRRITATES ME!!

GROW

GROW

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SWD

YAAAH!

YAAAH!

H-HEY!

WHAT THE HELL, MAN!!? I THOUGHT ALL US TARNISHED WERE S'POSED TO SHARE THIS SPOT!

QUIT HOGGING IT!! YOU REMEMBER YOUR PLACE!!

WELL, WELL!!

YOU MUST BE THE NEW TAR-NISHED!!

CEASE THIS BICKERING !!

YOU'RE ALL TAR-NISHED, FOR THE FINGERS' SAKE! GET ALONG !!!

YOU'VE DONE WELL.

I AM ENIA, THE FINGER READER.

FINGER READER ENIA

WHO'S THIS OLD LADY!!?

I TOLD YOU NOT TO CALL ME THAT IN FRONT OF PEOPLE !!

AND YOU!

DO NOT TREAT ME LIKE A CHILD !!

BULLYING AT YOUR AGE! HONEST-LY...!!

YOU'VE BEEN NASTY TO HIM, HAVEN'T YOU, LITTLE GIDDY!?

I INTERPRET THE WORDS OF THE FINGERS—

A-ANY-WAY...!

SWIIID

LISTEN, YOU FREE-LOADER!!

UH...HI. MY NAME'S ASEO.

ENVOYS TO THE GREATER WILL!!

WELL... FAT CHANCE THAT AN IMBECILE LIKE YOU COULD PULL THAT OFF!!

FOLLOW THE GUIDANCE OF GRACE, LAY LOW A SHARDBEARER, AND CLAIM FOR YOURSELF A GREAT RUNE!!

ONLY THEN SHALL YOU BE ONE OF US HERE AT THE ROUNDTABLE!!!

SWISH

!!?

.....

GREAT RUNE? YOU MEAN LIKE THIS?

SHWIP

GIDDY

'KAY!

YOU'RE GONNA THROW ME A WELCOME PARTY LATER, RIGHT!!?

WHAT !!?

WHAT ...?

BUT... BUT...

THROB

THROB

.....!!!

NGH...

SPARKLE

SPARKLE

SPARKLE

OH MY!! NICE WORK, YOUNG MAN!!

NOW, RIGHT THIS WAY!! THE FINGERS WILL WELCOME YOU!

DUN

POINT

THEY'RE, UH

TWO FINGERS

INDEED... THE TWO FINGERS THEM-SELVES!!

HUH ...?

A FINGER MONSTER?

T-TALK ABOUT FREAKY ...!!

I GOTTA SAY, I DIDN'T THINK THE NAME WOULD BE LITERAL...

COME TO THINK OF IT, WHEN I FIRST MET MELI-MELI...

...SHE MENTIONED THE TWO FINGERS TOO. GUESS I FOUND 'EM...

GULP

NOW...

LET THEIR WISDOM WASH OVER YOU!

?

...

REMEMBLE

TREMBLE

LOOK THERE. THE FINGERS TREMBLE.

THEY WELCOME YOU, SHARD-BEARER ...!!

OH...THE OLD LADY'S TRANSLATING FOR ME...

"ANCHOR OF ALL LANDS, GIVER OF GRACE, WELL-SPRING OF ALL JOY..."

"GREAT ELDEN RING, ROOT OF THE GOLDEN ORDER ...

"ACROSS THE REALM, LIFE LIES IN RUIN. FALLEN TO PIECES.

HUH? WHAT'S WRONG WITH 'EM?

WIGGLE

TWITCH

"THE TRAGIC CORRUPTION OF THE ORDER HAS TAKEN ITS TOLL...

"UNTIL IT WAS SHAT-TERED ...

TWIST TWIST TWIST

I THINK THEY'RE ITCHY IN BETWEEN ...

RUB RUB

OH...

"BUT THE GREATER WILL HAS NOT ABAN-DONED THE REALM, NOR THE LIFE THAT INHABITS IT."

CLENCH

...

"FOUL CURSES AND MISERY SPREAD UN-ABATING.

TWITCH TWITCH

UH...

...MINE AREN'T THE FINGERS YOU SHOULD WORRY ABOUT.

ITCHY!? CERTAINLY NOT!!

NOW, SILENCE WHILE THE FINGERS IMPART THEIR WISDOM!!

TENSE

ALL THAT WIGGLING SURE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE TALKING TO ME!!

USE YOUR STICK AND SCRATCH 'EM, LADY!!

UNLESS YOU WANT YOUR FINGERS BROKEN!!

UM, 'SCUSE ME...

I'M NOT SO SURE THE FINGERS ARE WELCOMING ME. I THINK THEY'RE JUST ITCHY...

!!

AH...

IT LOOKS LIKE THE ITCHINESS PASSED...? GREAT!!

PHEW!

"SO IT IS THAT THE TARNISHED ARE GUIDED BY GRACE, CALLED TO ACT...

!!!

PRICK

HUH ...?

"TO BECOME ELDEN LORD AND RESTORE THE GOLDEN ORDER...!!"

"SEEK ANOTHER OF ITS KIND!!

"BRAVE TARNISHED, YOUR GREAT RUNE IS A HANDSOME SHARD OF THE ELDEN RING.

INDEED.

SO TO SUM IT ALL UP, I GOTTA COLLECT MORE GREAT RUNES, RIGHT?

SHE DEFINITELY JUST MADE ALL THAT UP...

UH ...

'KAY ...

FORGET NOT THE WORDS OF THE FINGERS !!

PLUS, I WASN'T REALLY LISTENING..

.....

YOU MEAN I GOTTA FIGHT EVEN MORE OF THOSE GUYS...?

NOT THAT I ACTUALLY FOUGHT THE LAST ONE.

HUH?

GREAT RUNES ARE THE STUFF OF DEMI-GODS...

THE CHILDREN OF THE GODDESS QUEEN MARIKA, VESSEL OF THE ELDEN RING.

SWISH

SWISH

WHIP

LISTEN! THE FINGERS SPEAK!!

11" A SWING

TAINTED BY THE STRENGTH OF THE GREAT RUNES, MARIKA'S CHILDREN WARRED...

...BUT NONE COULD BECOME ELDEN LORD.

"TARNISHED, SHOW NO MERCY. HAVE THEIR HEADS."
"THE GREATER WILL HAS LONG RENOUNCED THE DEMIGODS."
"TAKE ALL THEY HAVE LEFT." SO SAYETH THE FINGERS...!

NAH...I'M PRETTY SURE THEY SAYETH, "SCRATCH ME!"

I GUESS THE ITCHINESS CAME BACK..

AND SO GRACE WAS EXTENDED TO YOUR KIND...THE TARNISHED.

REMEMBER ONE THING...

THE REMAINING DEMIGODS ARE THE DIRECT OFFSPRING OF QUEEN MARIKA.

GODRICK THE GRAFTED WAS BUT A DISTANT RELATION. THE RUNT OF THE LITTER, HIS DIVINE BLOOD SORELY DILUTED...

OOF...

SO I NEED MORE GREAT RUNES, HUH...?

BUT WAIT— THIS MEANS ANOTHER REALLY STRONG ENEMY COULD POP UP ANY TIME, ANYWHERE IN THE LANDS BETWEEN...

.....

THAT WAS A RUNT ?

...AND LEARN A FEW SKILLS ...?

RUSTLE

I GOT THROUGH STORMVEIL CASTLE ON SHEER LUCK.

MAYBE I SHOULD TAKE MARGIT THE FULL WALK-THROUGH'S ADVICE...

WHAT-EVER... I ONLY PROMISED TO GET MELI-MELI TO THE ERDTREE.

NOTHING ABOUT DEFEATING DEMI-GODS...

GOTTA FIND SOME-WHERE TO REST...

CLANG

CLANG

SIIIGH

THEN AGAIN ...

...I'M PRETTY POOPED FOR TODAY.

YOU CAN REST OVER THERE ON THE RIGHT.

UH, HI THERE!! I'M A BIG HERO WHO GOT GUIDED HERE BY GRACE, AND I—

!!?

CLANG

HUH?

IN HERE?

.....

WHAT THE HELL...? HE'S NOT EVEN LISTENING TO ME...

I THOUGHT I'D BE SOME BIG CELEB HERE...

...

CLANG

UH... LIKE I SAID...

GRACE GUIDED ME HERE, SO...

CLANG

YOU MEAN ME, RIGHT!?

HUH?

GREET-INGS...

...GREAT CHAMPION CALLED BY GRACE.

OF COURSE.

WHO ELSE?

!!

CIRCUM-
STANCES
HAVE
COMPELLED
MY STAY
AT ROUND-
TABLE
HOLD.

I AM
FIA.

GREAT
CHAM-
PION
...

...WOULD
YOU
ALLOW ME
TO HOLD
YOU BUT
BRIEFLY?

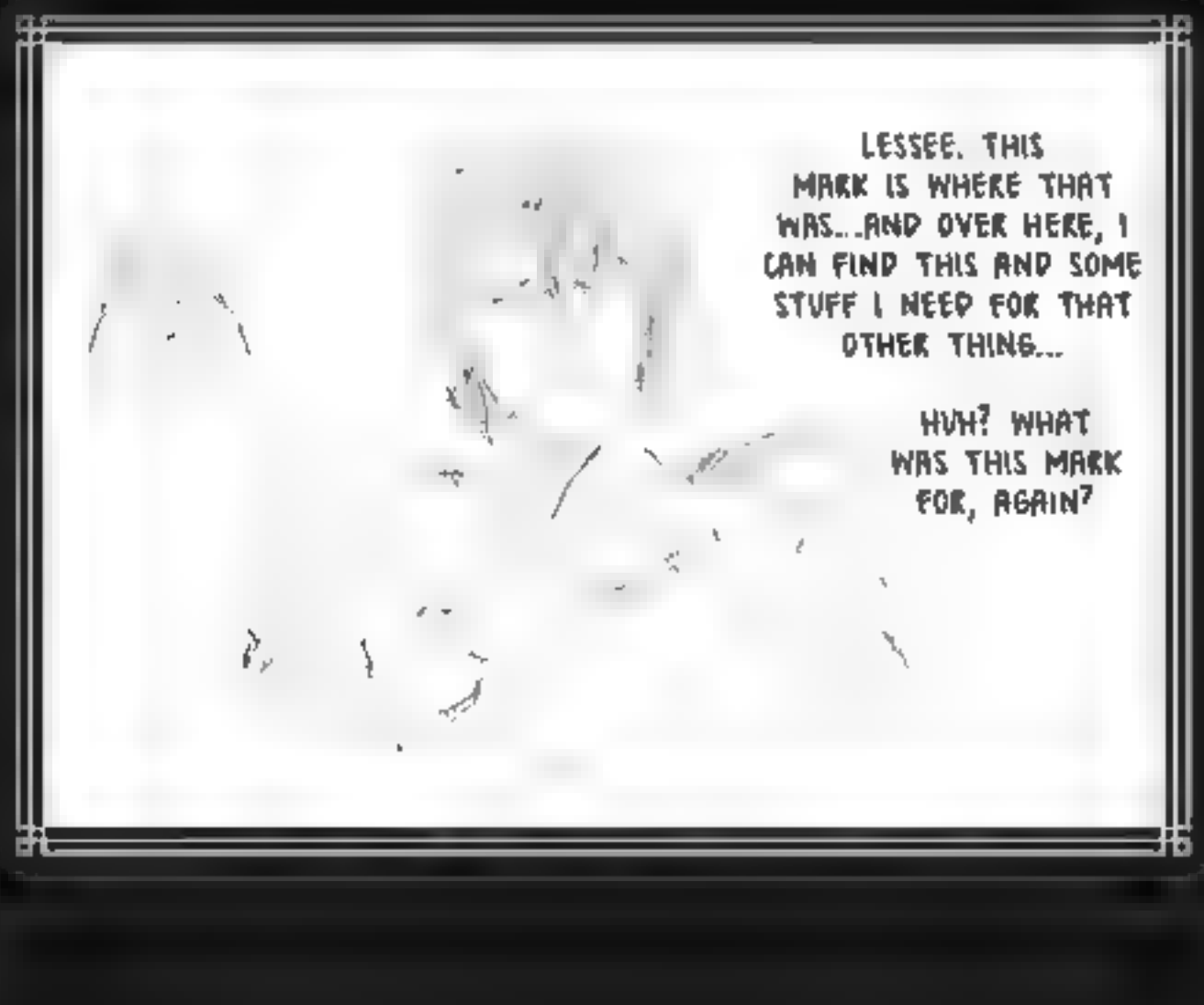
!!!?

TO BE CONTINUED!

Map (Limgrave, West)

.. AND LEARN A FEW SKILLS ?
I GOT THROUGH STORMVEIL CASTLE ON SHEER LUCK.
MAYBE I SHOULD TAKE MARGIT THE FULL WALK-THROUGH'S ADVICE ..

A map of the western region of Limgrave, where the great steppes of the pale lands roll under its ever-clouded skies.
Many a Tarnished mark so many interesting spots on their map that they forget which ones are actually important.


LESSEE. THIS MARK IS WHERE THAT WAS...AND OVER HERE, I CAN FIND THIS AND SOME STUFF I NEED FOR THAT OTHER THING...
HUH? WHAT WAS THIS MARK FOR, AGAIN?

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SHIIINK

CHAPTER 14
Still No Welcome Party...

YOU'RE GETTING RATHER AHEAD OF YOURSELF, FOOL...!!

OFF TO *INVADE* THE NEW TARNISHED, EH...?

WHERE ARE YOU GOING, ENSHA?

!!

TUNK

LIS-TEN.

TIMING IS EVERY-THING IN OUR PLOT!

DON'T CALL HIM UNTIL THE PREPARA-TIONS ARE PERFECT!!

A PROPER WELCOME PARTY CALLS FOR SURPRISE!!

POINT

WE NEED MORE FLOWERS AROUND THE PORTRAIT I DREW!

CONGRATS ON BEATING A DEMIGOD, ASEO! WELCOME TO ROUNDTABLE HOLD!
-THE ROUNDTABLE GANG

YOU HANDLE THE DECORA-TIONS...

SWISH

ALL RIGHT, BACK TO WORK ON THIS.

NOD

WE'LL SHOW ASEO THE GREATEST WELCOME PARTY THE ROUNDTABLE HAS EVER SEEN...!!

HEH HEH HEH...

GIDEON OFNIR, THE ALL-KNOWING, STANDS BY HIS WORD!

PERHAPS YOU MIGHT SHARE WITH ME SOME OF YOUR LIFELY VIGOR.

SWF

YOU ...

...YOU WANNA HOLD ME?

BOOM

DOING SO WILL GRANT ME THE WARMTH OF A CHAMPION.

AND YOU, I'M SURE, WILL BEAR A BALDACHIN'S BLESSING.

!?

YES... I DO.

SWISH

NOW, THEN.

LET US BEGIN...

HUH?

A BAL-DACHIN'S BLESSING?

WHAAAM

JUST AS I THOUGHT ...

UM... LET'S SEE.

A LITTLE WHILE BACK, I SLIPPED ON SOAP AND SLAMMED MY HEAD INTO A WALL.

HUH?

SWIP

RUB

HAVE YOU TAKEN ANY HEAVY BLOWS RECENTLY?

ANY NECK OR SHOULDER PAIN, PERHAPS?

HNPH!

HEAVE

CRACK

YOWCH

CRACK

CRACK

LAY DOWN YOUR BURDENS

CROSS YOUR ARMS BEFORE YOUR CHEST, PLEASE.

SURE ...?

PLEASE RELAX

ALLOW ME.

HANG ON A SEC...

ギュッ SQUEEZE

HEY!

SWOOSH

AND NOW ...

CRACK

CRACK

NEXT UP!!

TWIRL

!!

S-S-STOP—

GRIND GRIND GRIND

CRICK

CRACK

THERE!!

OWWWWW!!!

BRACK

SWIVE-
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SWIVE-
HUH?
WHOA!!
WEIRD ...
UH... YOU'RE ASKING ME...?
I ADJUSTED YOUR SPINE A BIT.
HOW WAS IT, MY DEAR?
PRETTY WEIRD DEFINITION OF "HOLDING," LADY...
I THOUGHT I WAS DONE FOR...
WOBBLE
SUCH IS THE BALDA-CHIN'S BLESS-ING.
MY [redacted] SHOULDER PAIN IS TOTALLY GONE!!
IT'S A FORM OF MAGIC THAT BOOSTS THE BODY'S SELF-HEALING POWERS...
...BY STIMULATING PRESSURE POINTS WITH THE THUMBS.
SWIP
スッ
UH-HUH ...?
PLEASE LIE DOWN ON THE BED.
I'LL RELIEVE YOUR FATIGUE WITH A SHIATSU MASSAGE.
POKE
SH-SHIATSU ...?

HEE HEE HEE...

I USED TO DO IT FOR A LIVING. "STRONG-FINGERED FIA," THEY CALLED ME.

I'VE NEVER DONE THIS BEFORE, BUT YOU SEEM PRETTY GOOD AT IT.

KNEAD 7"

KNEAD 7"

KNEAD 7"

OOOH...

THAT'S IT...THAT HURTS SO GOOD ...

"ALMOST AS RELAXING AS THE GRAVE"...

STAARE

IT'S WEIRD, THOUGH ...

LIKE MY STRENGTH IS MELTING AWAY WITH THE FATIGJE...

とろ～～ん DROOP..

.....

7" KNEAD

KNEAD 7"

THAT'S WHAT THEY ALL SAY.

FIA, DEATHBED COMPANION

WHAT !!?

CARIA MANOR

ASEO FELLED GODRICK AND CLAIMED HIS GREAT RUNE ...!?

RANNI THE WITCH

I KNEW I WAS RIGHT TO SEE SOMETHING IN HIM!!

IJI, CALL FOR BLAIDD!!

AYE.

IT'S TRUE, LADY RANNI.

"SLAM"

WAR COUNSELOR IJI

WE MUST RECRUIT ASEO TO OUR CAUSE AT ONCE!!

BEFORE HE'S POISONED BY THE TWO FINGERS!!

TUG

SNID

SNID

.....

YOU CALLED, LADY RANNI ...?

JOH

WHERE ARE YOU NOW?

ARGH!!

FUME

FUME

SKRITCH SKRITCH

THAT MUTT GOT LOST AGAIN !!?

UM, MILA-DY...

BLAIDD HAS YET TO RETURN TO THE MANOR...

SNAP

BLAIDD!! DO YOU HEAR ME?

PODOOLIR

...

WELL, THERE'S OCEAN AS FAR AS I CAN SEE...

AND THE WIND SOUNDS LIKE IT'S WEEPING.

THAT'S THE WEEPING PENINSULA, FLEABRAIN!! THE SOUTHERN-MOST PART OF LIMGRAVE !!!

RIGHT ...

I DISPOSED OF THE TRAITOR, AND NOW I'M HEADED NORTH TOWARD CARIA MANOR.

AND SO...

...WHERE ARE YOU NOW?

HONESTLY

IF YOU WANT SOMETHING DONE RIGHT, DO IT YOUR-SELF...

LADY RANNI!

PLEASE! I CAN'T ADVISE THAT!!

FOOM

IS IT?

"SOUTHERN-MOST" MEANS WHICH WAY, AGAIN...?

SNAP

ENOUGH OF THAT...

HOW!?

YOU'LL ALWAYS BE A TINY, PRECIOUS PRINCESS TO ME!!

BUT I CAN, LADY RANNI !!

I SUPPOSE I'LL ALWAYS BE SMALL TO ONE AS GIANT AS YOU...

...

STOP, SLIPPING OUT WITHOUT TELLING ME !!

THERE ARE THOSE WHO'D DO YOU HARM!

SILENCE, WORRY-WART!! YOU CAN'T TREAT ME LIKE A CHILD FOREVER!!

PLEASE ALLOW US TO BE OF SERVICE!!!

OH NO...

THAT'S HER "I'M UP TO NO GOOD" FACE...

HEH HEH HEH

...FINE.

I PROMISE TO BE ON THE *BEST BEHAVIOR* I CAN MANAGE.

COME BACK TO ME SHOULD YOU REQUIRE ANOTHER BLESSING.

I WILL TAKE YOU IN MY ARMS AS OFTEN AS YOU NEED.

I'M, UH, GONNA PASS ON THAT PART...

LOOSEY
ほわ～ん

THOUGH I DO FEEL KINDA WORN OUT...

THANKS A LOT, FIA!

I'M ALL REJUVENATED AFTER THAT SHIATSU MASSAGE!!

WOBBLE
ふら...

ROGIER!!!

SCRAPE
ズリ...

WELL, WELL, IF IT ISN'T ASEO...

I SHOULD'VE KNOWN YOU'D BE GUIDED HERE TOO!!

!!

THAT'S NOT TOO BAD, IF THAT HUGE FALL ONLY HURT YOUR LEG...

AHH, WELL...

I CAN'T SAY MY LEG IS UNSCATHED ...

YOU MADE IT OUT OKAY !!

DART

I AM BUT A SORCERER, AFTER ALL

SWAY

AH, NOT QUITE ...

THAT'S NOT HOW IT HAP-PENED...

OH!!

SO THERE ARE CATS IN LIMGRAVE? OH MAN, I LOVE CATS!

ERR ...

THAT'S NOT WHAT THAT MEANS.

?

MY ASSUMP-TIONS WERE SLIGHTLY MISTAKEN...

CALL IT CURIOSITY KILLING THE CAT, PERHAPS...

TWIST

OH ...

GOOD POINT.

ANY-WAY.

LET US TALK LATER.

FIRST, I NEED HEALING.

GODRICK'S SOLDIERS SOUNDED DISMAYED THAT HE LOST.

I DID A LITTLE EAVES-DROPPING ON MY WAY OUT OF STORM-VEIL.

I DON'T THINK THAT'S THE REASON ...

WHERE'D YOU HEAR THAT?

YOU'VE GOT A GREAT RUNE FROM BEATING GODRICK, RIGHT?

WHERE DO YOU GO FROM HERE, ASEO?

JUST A LUCKY COINCIDENCE IN MY FAVOR, THAT'S ALL.

I DIDN'T REALLY BEAT HIM SO MUCH AS MAKE A CLAY OCTOPUS.

AH, WELL ...

BUT EITHER WAY, I KNOW I'M SUPER-WEAK...

...SO I FIGURED I'D TRY LEARNING A FEW COMBAT SKILLS.

I MEAN, I COULD PROBABLY JUST IGNORE HER"

I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT I WAS GONNA DO NEXT, HONESTLY.

THEN ENIA, THE FINGER READER, TOLD ME I GOTTA GET MORE GREAT RUNES.

THANKS FOR THE OFFER!

BUT I DON'T WANNA WORK YOU TOO HARD IF YOU'RE NOT FEELING WELL.

IF IT'S MAGIC SKILLS YOU'RE AFTER, I KNOW A FEW.

ANYHOO, SEE YA!!

YOU TOO, FIRI!

'SIDES, I GOT A LITTLE TIP TO FOLLOW UP ON.

CLENCH

I'M GONNA START MY LEARNING THERE.

...

SWIP!

IF YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT BEING TOO WEAK, YOU COULD START WITH SOME PROPER ARMOR...

AND HERE I'D HOPED I COULD MAKE MYSELF USEFUL TO A TARNISHED GUIDED BY GRACE...

TOO BAD.

YOU SHOULD FOCUS ON YOUR RECOVERY FOR NOW, ROGIER.

!!

SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING, ASEO!!

SQUIRM

FLAP

HEY... H-HAVE MERCY, PLEASE ...!!

HEAVE

CRICK

CRICK

NOW, ALLOW ME!!

BLAST ...

WHERE IS HE ...?

.....

TOSS

I BID YOU WELCOME, AS A TRUE MEMBER OF THE ROUND-TABLE!!!

ASEO?

HE JUST LEFT, I'M AFRAID.

WHAT?

MARGIT THE FULL WALK-THROUGH MARKED MY MAP.

THE KNIGHT WITH ALL THE SKILLS SHOULD BE IN A SHACK AROUND HERE...

WHOOOOOOSH

LESSEE HERE...

STORM-HILL

CLOP カポ。 CLOP カポ。..

OH, RIGHT !!

I'M NEAR THE SHACK WHERE I MET THAT WOMAN EARLIER !!

I GOTTA GIVE HER THE MEMENTO I FOUND IN STORM-VEIL CASTLE ...

BFFFH.

I HOPE SHE'S STILL IN THERE.

'SCUSE ME!

RUSTLE

RUSTLE

UM... NO...

I'LL ASK AGAIN. ANY INTEREST IN BEARING THE TORCH OF MY BATTLE ARTS?

TREMBLE

WHAT DO YOU SAY!!?

I'M AFRAID I'M STILL NOT INTER-ESTED...

TREMBLE

SURE YOU ARE!! COME ON!!

I CAN SEE YOU'RE DE-PRESSED ...

...BUT MOPING AROUND IN A SHACK WON'T SOLVE THAT!!

YOU KNOW WHAT WILL? SKILLS !!

TUNK

...

WHAT DO I DO...? HE'S REALLY GIVING HER THE HARD SELL!

AHH ... LIS-TEN TO ME!

SKILLS ARE SO FUN!! THEY ADD SPICE TO LIFE!!

JUST A TARNISHED PASSING THROUGH ...

OH! IT'S YOU!

WHO MIGHT YOU BE...?

CLANK

MIND, BODY, YOU NAME IT...

SKILLS CAN FIX IT ALL UP!

CLENCH

WHAT!!? TARNISHED !!!?

HUH?

!!?

HOLD UP, IS THIS GUY THE KNIGHT MARGIT TOLD ME ABOUT...?

SPARKLE

GRIN

HOW 'BOUT YOU? ANY INTEREST IN BEARING THE TORCH OF MY BATTLE ARTS?

I'LL BE FUN!!

TO BE CONTINUED!

Festive Hood (Altered)

A hood worn by dancers at the festivities in Dominula, the village of windmills. It's decorated with a stunning array of flowers, making it the perfect accessory to liven up any celebration.

CHAPTER 15
Time for Special Training

WHOOSH
ビュウウ...

WAR-MASTER'S SHACK

NOW THEN, WITHOUT FURTHER ADO!!

RUSTLE RUSTLE RUSTLE
ガサ ガサ ガサ

WHISPER
ボソ.....

IT LOOKS THAT WAY...

PUSHY *AND* WON'T LISTEN, HUH? GUESS WE GOTTA PLAY ALONG.

CLANK CLANK CLANK CLANK
カキン カキン カキン カキン

HEH HEH HEH HEH

WELL... I DID COME HERE TO LEARN SKILLS, SO NO PROBLEM THERE.

I JUST DUNNO IF THIS GUY'S LEGIT...

CLANK
カキン

IIIT'S...

SPARKLE
キラーン

...SKILL TIIME!!!

THIS GUY SEEMS LIKE A REAL PAIN...

GIVE-IT-A REST

AH...

I HAVEN'T PROPERLY INTRODUCED MYSELF EITHER...

I'LL INTRODUCE MYSELF AGAIN.

NAME'S BERNAHL. TARNISHED, JUST LIKE YOU.

KNIGHT BERNAHL

SWISH

I AM RODERIKA.

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, YOU TWO!!

I GET IT— YOU'RE SO PUMPED UP ABOUT SKILLS, YOU CAN'T HOLD IT IN!

BUT I'M STILL TALKING!!

IF ANYONE'S PUMPED UP, IT'S YOU...

DRNG, YOU'RE LOUD.

OH, RIGHT!

MY NAME'S ASEO, I GUESS.

DOES YOUR FAITH IN THE GUIDANCE OF GRACE HOLD FIRM, DESPITE THE COLLAPSE OF THE GOLDEN ORDER?

GLARE

LET ME ASK YOU SOME-THING.

ARE YOU HERE IN THE LANDS BETWEEN TO TAKE UP THE FIGHT?

AND IT'S WHY I WANT TO TEACH THEM TO OTHERS.

ALL I KNOW IS THE SWORD, HENCE MY DEDICATED PURSUIT OF SKILLS.

I...

UHH ...

SO YES, THEN!

THUMP ドン

POKE ビン

CLENCH ﾌｸ

ESPE-CIALLY FOR YOU!

RIGHT. I GET IT. CAN WE START LEARNING SKILLS NOW?

THE BIT'S GETTING OLD..

GOOD AND PROPER TARNISHED, EH?

YOU TWO ARE TARNISHED, THROUGH AND THROUGH!!

...

THIS GUY

TAKES ME BACK. THAT'S A QUALITY NEEDED NOW MORE THAN EVER...

YES INDEED!

HIT ME WITH YOUR BEST SHOT!

ALL RIGHT, ASEO!

POMF

ボス

?

AHA !!

RUSTLE

ALL RIGHT...

WHERE TO BEGIN...?

RUSTLE

CLANK

CLANK

HERE I COME !!

WHOOSH

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I WON'T COUNTER-ATTACK...

...SO DON'T HOLD BACK!

.....

UH... S-SURE.

KA-CHOOM!

CRACK

HUH?

HEY...

THAT WAS A DIRECT HIT

UM, ARE YOU...

...OKAY?

!!?

LISTEN WELL!

ALL YOU DID WAS GET HIT..

UM... IS THAT REALLY A SKILL?

RUB スリスリ RUB

CLENCH

THAT SKILL IS CALLED ...

...ENDURE!

"ENDURE" !!?

WHEN YOU *ENDURE*, YOU ASSUME AN ANCHORED STANCE TO BRACE FOR ATTACKS!

IT'LL BRIEFLY BOOST YOUR DEFENSE AND REDUCE THE DAMAGE YOU TAKE!

UH, THE SWELLING, NOSEBLEED, AND TEARS SAY OTHERWISE.

GRIN

SEE? NO PAIN! IT DOESN'T EVEN ITCH!

SWISH

SCREAM... IN MY HEART?

GOOD QUES-TION!

BRANDISH YOUR WEAPON AND SCREAM, "C'MON, SKILL" IN YOUR HEART.

T... "TRY IT," LIKE, HOW...?

SWIP

ALL RIGHT, NOW YOU TRY IT!!

IS THIS SOMETHING I'D KNOW IF I HADN'T LOST MY MEMORY?

I FIGURED IT'D BE MORE COMPLICATED THAN THAT...

RIGHT! SCREAM, "C'MON, SKILL!!"

THAT'S HOW EVERY TARNISHED USES SKILLS! EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT!!

A COOL SKILL NEEDS A COOL SOUND EFFECT, NUMB-SKULL!!

THAT DOESN'T DO ANY-THING, DOES IT!!

WHAT'S COOL ABOUT MAKING THE NOISE YOURSELF !!?

WRONG!! KACHOOM !!

KA-CHOOM

SO WHAT!? NOW YOU TRY! KA-CHOOM !!

IT MAKES A "KACHOOM" SOUND TOO!

...YOU MADE THAT NOISE WITH YOUR MOUTH.

SWOOSH

F-FOR REAL !!?

HEY... DAM-MIT!

HUH !!?

CLENCH

HERE IT COMES! STANCE UP!!

FOOM

SCHWING

!!?

I DID IT!!?

NGH!

C'MON, SKILL!! C'MON, SKILL!!!

IS THIS REALLY GONNA WORK ...!!?

BRMF!!

CRACCCK

I USED A SKI—

ALL RIGHT, THEN...

ONE THAT DOESN'T HURT, EH?

CLATTER

CLATTER

THANKS A LOT

ARE YOU OKAY? USE MY HANDKERCHIEF

SWIP

HOW ABOUT THIS?

?

REMEMBER THAT FEELING!!

AND DON'T FORGET THE SOUND EFFECT NEXT TIME!!

YES! BEAUTIFUL!!

...

UM... CAN YOU TEACH ME A SKILL THAT DOESN'T HURT ...?

WHAT'S HE GONNA DO WITH JUST A SHIELD?

OKAY, THEN... THIS ONE.

SWOOSH

ATTACK ME AGAIN!

USE ANY WEAPON YOU'VE GOT!!

GLARE

H-HERE GOES!!

RUSH

!!?

IT DEFLECTS A FOE'S ATTACK AND BREAKS THEIR STANCE!

IT'S A GREAT WAY TO MAKE AN OPENING TO PERFORM A CRITICAL HIT!!

THAT WAS THE *PARRY* SKILL.

WOBBLE

WHA...

WHAT WAS THAT ...!!?

WHUMP

HEH-HEH-HEH... AWAKENED TO THE JOY OF SKILLS, EH!?

YAY YAY

CLANK

CAN I GIVE IT A TRY!?

WHOA... THAT'S REALLY COOL!!

I WANNA DO THAT!!

HOP

ONE... TWO...

GET READY!

ON THREE!!

GLARE

IF YOU CAN.

WEAPON AFFINITY, POSITIONING, TIMING— IT'S NO EASY FEAT GETTING THEM ALL RIGHT!

CRACCCK

BFFFRK!!!

THREE!!

ウウウ

TOO EARLY FOR THAT ONE...

GWA-AAUGH...

HEY, THIS ONE HURTS TOO!

SORRY, LEMME TRY AGAIN!!

SURE!!

CRACK

ONE, TWO... THREE!!

STAAARE

WHEREVER DO YOU GET SUCH COURAGE?

RIGHT... HER FEELINGS ARE AN OPEN BOOK...

RATTLE RATTLE RATTLE

UM...

ASEO, IF I MAY...

SURE, WHAT IS IT?

I ONLY BEAT ONE ENEMY BY MYSELF, AND IT TOOK FRIENDLY ADVICE AND PLAYING DIRTY TO DO IT.

AND I JUST THOUGHT SKILLS WERE INTERESTING

IT ALL JUST KINDA FELL INTO PLACE FOR ME.

STILL...

...WHEN WE MET BEFORE, YOU SAID WE SHOULDN'T THROW OUR LIVES AWAY!

WORD AMONG TRAVELERS IS YOU SNUCK INTO STORMVEIL CASTLE ALONE...

...DESTROYED COUNTLESS FOES, AND EVEN BESTED GODRICK HIMSELF.

NAH... MOST OF THAT'S A MISUNDER-STANDING.

AND NOW YOU'RE DEVOTING YOURSELF TO STUDYING SKILLS!

.....

ALL I DID WAS BLURT OUT WHAT POPPED INTO MY HEAD...

SHUDDER

ビクッ

YOU KNOW, SINCE FATE BROUGHT US TARNISHED TO THE LANDS BETWEEN ...?

...

?

UM...

SORRY, I SHOULDA GIVEN YOU THIS EARLIER.

THE TIMING JUST WASN'T RIGHT.

SWIP

BUT I...

...FEEL NEITHER FATE NOR GRACE'S GUIDANCE.

I CAN'T RETURN HOME. I'VE LOST EVERY-THING.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT I SHOULD DO ANY-MORE...

I'M PRETTY SURE IT BELONGED TO YOUR COMPANIONS, RODERIKA.

WHAT IS IT?

I FOUND THIS IN STORMVEIL CASTLE.

RUSTLE

!!

WHAT?

CAN YOU HEAR ANY-THING?

...BUT I THINK THEY'RE TRYING TO SAY SOME-THING.

I COULDN'T REALLY MAKE IT OUT...

POOF

A KEEP-SAKE ...

...FROM MY MEN ...!!?

I CAN'T...

WAFT

WAFT

OH... GOOD-NESS...

FWSH

EVERY-ONE ...!!!

THEY ALL... BELIEVED IN ME.

THEY ALL THOUGHT I'D MAKE SOMETHING OF MYSELF. ME, WHO CAN'T DO ANYTHING ...!!

...

SQUEEZE

YES.

DID YOU HEAR IT...?

WHAT'S WITH YOU TWO?

...

TEARS OF JOY FROM LEARNING SKILLS, EH?

AT LEAST TRY TO READ THE ROOM, MAN...

.....

SWOOSH

SPLUCH

SORRY FOR THE WAIT, FOLKS!! I HAD A ROUGH TIME GETTING DINNER!!

I STOMPED IN SOME GOLD-TINGED CRAP WHILE CHASING THESE RABBITS...

WHOOSH

LET'S SEE HOW YOU HANDLE REAL COMBAT.

USE ALL THE SKILLS YOU'VE LEARNED AND TRY TO HIT ME.

SHIIINK

CLANK

YOU GOT IT, BERNAHL !!

GSHH'

I'M SURE HE'LL GO EASY ON ME, THOUGH.

SINCE WHEN AM I YOUR DISCI-PLE!?

AH-AH-AH, DISCIPLE OF MINE!

MASTER BERNAHL FROM NOW ON!!

...

I'VE GOTTEN PRETTY GOOD, Y'KNOW!!

SO THIS IS LIKE A FINAL EXAM, RIGHT?

NAH... NOT QUITE.

I GOTTA ADMIT...

OVER THESE PAST FEW DAYS, I'VE REALIZED HE'S REALLY STRONG WHEN HE'S NOT SCREWING AROUND!

!!?

YOU'RE NOT DONE TILL I'M SATISFIED, EVEN IF IT TAKES FOREVER!!

GRIN

WE'RE JUST GETTING STARTED ...!!

...I'D TEACH YOU ALL MY SKILLS FOR NOTHING IN RETURN?

DID YOU REALLY THINK...

HEH HEH HEH HEH!

M-MISTER BERNAHL ...?

OH NO... IS HE A BLOOD-THIRSTY KILLER?

HEH HEH HEH!

AW MAN! I KNEW THIS GUY WAS SKETCHY ...!!

YOU'RE A BER-SERKER !?

DOOOOOOM

CLANK

I TOLD YOU BEFORE...

ALL I KNOW IS THE SWORD, HENCE MY DEDICATED PURSUIT OF SKILLS...

HOW DO YOU THINK A MAN LIKE ME ENDS UP?

YEAH, SOUNDS ABOUT RIGHT...

GUSH ホロリ...

NO, IT'S JUST ...

THEY SAY I'M SCARY OR A PAIN TO DEAL WITH

...EVERYONE KEEPS THEIR DISTANCE FROM ME... NOBODY WANTS TO BEAR THE TORCH OF MY BATTLE ARTS...

LEAVE ME OUTTA YOUR MIDLIFE CRISIS ...!!

M-MISTER BER-NAHL ...

SPARKLE SPARKLE SPARKLE

HEH HEH HEH...

BUT I WON'T LET YOU TWO GET AWAY!!

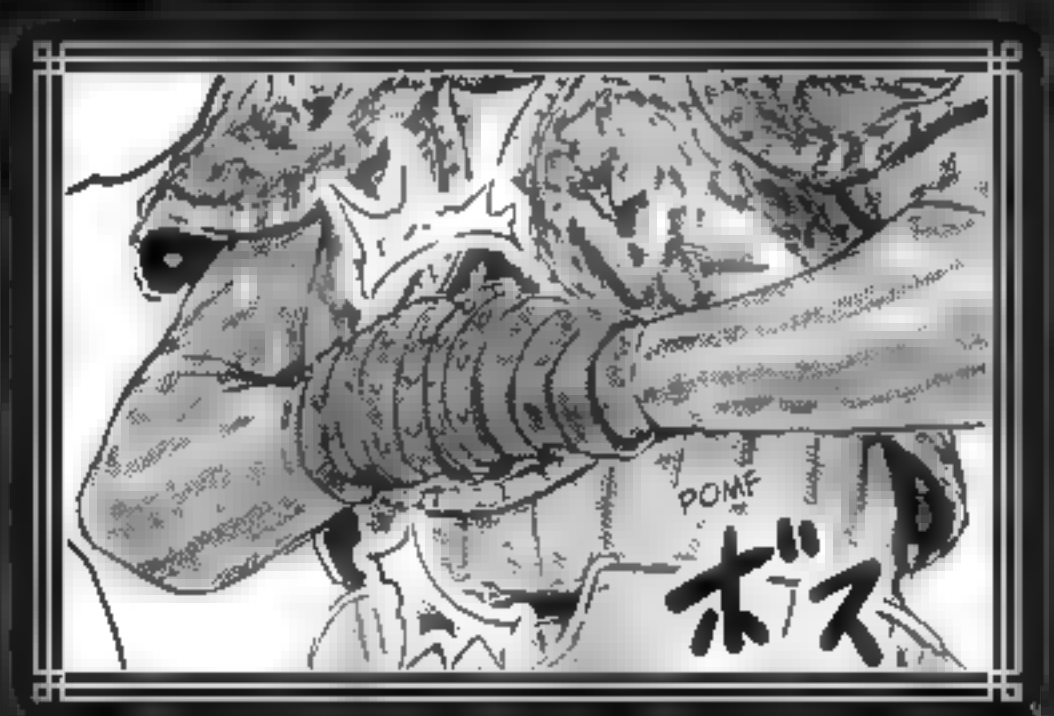
LET'S ALL LIVE TOGETHER!! ONE GREAT BIG BERNAHL FAMILY!! LET ME PASS ON EVERYTHING I KNOW...!!

WHOOSH

HEH-HEH-HEH... C'MON! IT'S SKILL TIME!!

TO BE CONTINUED

Caestus



A weapon built for striking with the fists, made of tough leather inlaid with iron rivets. It comes with the skill *Endure*, though how effective that is depends on the wielder.

TRAINING SCENE 1
HERE I GO!!
1...
2...
3—
C'MON, BERNAHL! IT'S "ONE, TWO, THREE," AND THEN YOU GO! EVERY-ONE KNOWS YOU DON'T GO ON "THREE"!!
SHAD-DUP!!
THAT'S WHAT THAT SKILL'S FOR!
DON'T GET MAD— *ENDURE* IT!!
GO AFTER THREE! AFTER!!
QUIT SCREWING UP, SKILL-HEAD!
ALL RIGHT!! THIS TIME, I'VE GOT IT!! YOU CAN COUNT ON ME!!
THWACK
GRIN

DAM-MIT...

WOBBLE

NOT THAT I MIND WINNING!!

CLANG

WOBBLE

WHAT'S THE MATTER?

YOU'RE BOUND TO LOSE IF ALL YOU DO IS BLOCK!!

CHAPTER 16
And Then Time for Real Combat

I CAN'T LET ASEO FIGHT THIS BATTLE ALONE...

OH GOOD-NESS!!

CLENCH

I'VE GOT TO DO SOME-THING...

...LIKE MY MEN KNEW I COULD!!

SIR BERNAHL IS EVEN MORE TWISTED THAN I AM...!!

TCH...

WOBBLE WOBBLE

ビリビリ

YOU'RE WAY TOO OBSESSED WITH COMBAT SKILLS, MAN!!

HE'S HITTING PRETTY HARD FOR JUST A TEST...

ASEO !!

STAY BACK!! I CAN HANDLE IT!!

CLANK

HE'S NOT ACTUALLY TRYING TO CUT ME DOWN, THOUGH ...!!

HEH HEH HEH ...

SWISH

MAYBE TAKE A BREAK AND LEARN SOME SOCIAL SKILLS INSTEAD!!

GUSH

ホロリ……

I TRIED THAT...

ALAS, I FAILED THAT QUEST!!

HE WANTS ME ALIVE TO CARRY ON HIS WARPED LITTLE MIDLIFE CRISIS...

IF I CAN USE THAT, I'LL HAVE AN EDGE.

THIS OLD GUY'S A LOST CAUSE...

I GUESS SOME FOLKS JUST CAN'T COMMU-NICATE

BAM

C'MON, SKILL!

DART

ALL RIGHT !!

SQUARE OFF!

NEXT UP...

SPINNING SLASH!

WHOOSH

SWOOOOOP

C'MON, SKILL!

HSHHHHHH

HAHAH...

WHY, YOU...

WHOOM

STORM BLADE!

SWISH

...JACK-ASS! C'MERE !!

BAM

IMPALING!

HE CAN READ MY EVERY MOVE...

HEH HEH HEH ...

NO GOOD!!

.....

HAAH... HAAH...

NOT THAT I HAD MUCH CHANCE OF BEATING A REAL KNIGHT TO BEGIN WITH...

OH RIGHT...

THAT'S 'COS HE TAUGHT ME MY EVERY MOVE...

AN ORIGINAL ...

...SKILL ...!!?

GLARE

WELP... IN THAT CASE...

CLANK カキャ

TIME TO WHIP OUT AN ALL-NEW, ORIGINAL *SKILL* OF MY OWN!

CLATTER カキャ

CLANK カキャ

SWISH スッ

HOOOOAAAAAH!!

!!?

HYAAAAH!!

C'MON, SKILL(?)!

ASEO ROULETTE!

HOOOAAH!

CLATTER

CLANK

CLATTER

SWISH

CLATTER

CLATTER

CLANK

CLATTER

DASH

IS...

IS HE CYCLING THROUGH ARMAMENTS SO RAPIDLY, BERNAHL CAN'T TELL WHICH HE'S GOING TO USE...!!?

GWA-UGH!

KA-PWING

YOU CALL THAT A SKILL!?

...DID YOU REALLY THINK IT WOULD?

IT DIDN'T WORK !!

CRAP...

SKRRRCH

THUNK

OH!! HE ENDED UP TWO-HANDING HIS SHIELD!!

DON'T SWEAT IT!!

LET ME ...!!!

FLAP

ASEO!! UM...

HEY, RODERIKA!! GET BACK!!

CLANK

CLANK

CLATTER

CLATTER

SWISH

CLATTER

SIT BACK AND WATCH

.....

ONCE MY ASEO ROULETTE HITS, I'VE GOT 'IM BEAT!!

THAT'S WAY TOO HAPHAZARD TO EVER WORK!!

WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA!?

R-RODERIKA ...?

U U

AGAINST SOMEONE STRONGER THAN YOU, IT'S BEGGING TO LOSE!

YEAH...

YOU'RE RIGHT ...

SKILL—

THWAP

GEEZ!! WILL YOU PLEASE LISTEN FOR ONCE!!?

KICK!

!!?

HUH !?

PSST PSST

NOT THAT PART!!

I HAVE AN IDEA...

THAT'S NOT GONNA HELP...

I'M ALL OUTTA SOAP...

REMEMBER HOW YOU FOUGHT THAT SPIDER THING!!

COME ON, FIGHT LIKE PROPER TARNISHED ...!!

...WHAT'S YOUR NEXT MOVE?

NOW, THEN ...

IT'LL BE FINE!! YOU CAN DO IT, ASEO!!

I DUNNO, RODERIKA ...

GOTTA PUT IT ALL ON THE LINE AGAIN ...!!

CLACK

.....

FINE...!! I DON'T GOT ANY OTHER IDEAS.

CLANK

WHAT'S THE MATTER !?

GIVING UP!?

!!

HE SWAPPED OVER TO THE CAESTUS...

...AND HE'S GOT ENDURE AT THE READY!

SWISH

DASH

LET'S DO THIS !!

"GIVE AN INCH TO WIN A MILE," EH...!?

KACHOOM!!

SLASH

SLASH

SLASH

SLASH

SLASH

GOOD THINK-ING...

HOW-EVER !!

NOT GOOD ENOUGH TO MAKE UP...

...FOR OUR GAP IN PROWESS !!

SWISH

WHOOM

SWISH

WHOOM

KACHOOM!!

CRACK

GRAH

!!

KACHOOM!!!

C'MON, SKILL!

STAMP

KACHOOM!

CRUNCH

CLANK

FINE, THEN !!

I'LL HOLD BACK A LITTLE LESS!!

CRAAACK

GWOOSH

...UP-WARD CUT !!

NOW, ASEO !!

!!?

C'MON, SKILL!

PARRY...!!

WHAT THE ...!!?

ALL RIGHT !!

CRACK

IMPOS-SIBLE!! WHEN DID HE SWAP SKIL—

BRGH!!

POP

H... HOLD UP!!

I WAS LYING BEFORE, HONEST !!

IT'S OVER! YOU'RE DONE!!!

HEY...

THAT REALLY HURTS!! QUIT IT!!

EAT IT!! I KNEW YOU WERE SKETCHY FROM THE GET-GO!!

RODERIKA, MAKE HIM STOP...!!

HUH?

ASEO! THAT WON'T DO!!

KICK

KICK

KICK

KICK!
KICK!
KICK!
DOW
!?
BAM
THWACK
WE'VE GOT TO LAND A PROPER FINISHING BLOW!!
C'MON!!
LET'S DO IT TOGETHER !!
WHOOOOOOSH...
GEEZ, NO WONDER YOU CAN'T FIND ANY SUCCESSORS!!
...TO BRING OUT THEIR TRUE POTENTIAL! I WANTED TO SEE IT HAPPEN, JUST ONCE!
HAPPENS IN ALL THE STORIES, RIGHT? A MASTER PUTS HIS PUPILS IN DANGER...
I CON-CUR !!
THRASHED
SORRY 'BOUT THAT... GUESS I GOT CARRIED AWAY.
.....
CARRIED AWAY WITH WHAT!!?
RUB
RUB

YEAH ...

THAT WAS RODE-RIKA'S IDEA.

BUT HEY, LOOK AT YOU!!

THAT LAST *ENDURE* WAS A PERFECT BLUFF INTO ANOTHER SKILL!

.....

HEH...

YOU DON'T SAY.

WELL...

...THE PART ABOUT EVERYONE KEEPING THEIR DISTANCE WAS TRUE.

AND THE PART ABOUT WANTING DISCIPLES.

WAY TO MISS THE POINT ...

YOU'RE RIGHT!

FROM NOW ON, IT'LL BE "BACHOOM" INSTEAD!!

THAT, AND THE "KA-CHOOM" !!

I WAS INSPIRED BY ASEO'S TRIED-AND-TRUE "PLAY DIRTY" STRATEGY!

TW RL

CLANK

THERE'S NOTHING *MORE* I CAN TEACH YOU.

YOU'RE TOUGH ENOUGH TO SURVIVE LIMGRAVE NOW.

STAY STRONG.

RIGHT... THAT WAS IT!

SEE? PERHAPS YOU DON'T NEED IT...

THE SOUND EFFECT IS WHAT FOOLED ME!

KEEP 'EM AS A PARTING GIFT.

SWIP

WHAT ABOUT THESE ...?

RUSTLE

WHER-EVER GRACE MAY GUIDE YOU...

...YOU'VE GOTTA DECIDE WHAT TO BELIEVE ON YOUR OWN.

?

AH, BUT ONE MORE THING.

SKRITCH SKRITCH

WHAT'S THAT SUP-POSED TO MEAN...?

BEATS ME...

DON'T GET YOURSELF WRAPPED UP...

...IN A QUEST THAT'S NOT YOURS.

CLANK

CLANK

.....

I THINK I'LL HEAD TO ROUND-TABLE HOLD.

SO...

WHAT'S NEXT FOR YOU?

DON'T WORRY !!

BUT CAN YOU GET THERE ...?

I'LL MANAGE ON MY OWN!!

CLENCH

"

PERHAPS I'LL FIND MY PURPOSE THERE!!

MY FRIENDS BELIEVED IN ME.

I'VE GOT TO BELIEVE IN ME TOO!!

YOU SAID IT!!

LATER!

SEE YA AT ROUND-TABLE HOLD!!

LOOK AT HER FACE! SHE'S GOT THIS ...!!

.....

WELL, GOOD LUCK!

CLENCH

...FOR EVERY-THING...

...ASEO ...!!

...

THANK YOU SO MUCH ...

MAYBE I'LL FIND SOMETHING OVER THIS WAY...

HOKAY ...

GOTTA FIGURE OUT WHERE TO GO NEXT!!

CLOP

CLOP

CLOP

...

SOME-ONE'S ON THE CLIFF...

HELP ME! I'M STUCK!

HELLOOO!? CAN YOU HEAR ME!?

GRAB

HELLO?

HELLOOO !?

UP I GO!

!!?

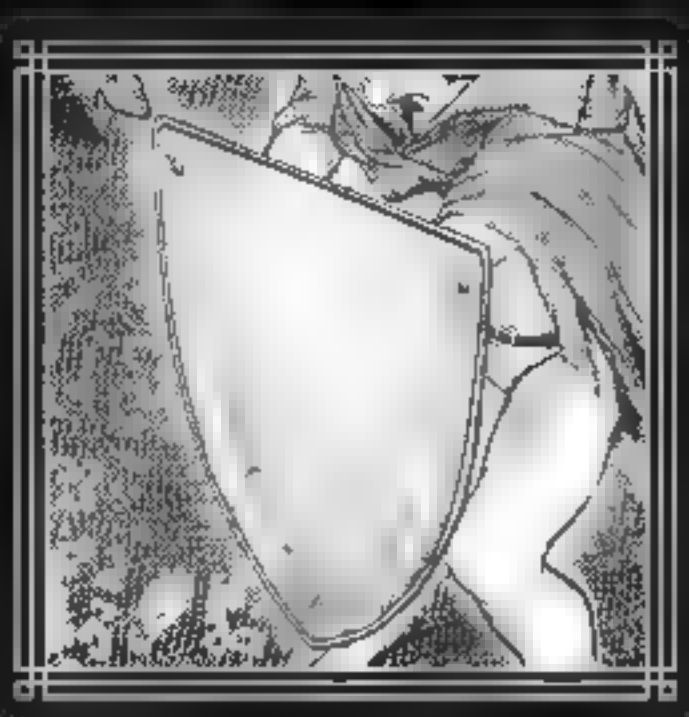
FLINCH

ANY-ONE!? HELP ME!!

IS THAT A JAR!!?

TO BE CONTINUED!

Heater Shield



A medium-sized metal shield, comparatively easy to handle. It's nice and stable, negating 100 percent of physical damage! Try hard enough and you just might master its *Parry* skill, too.

ELDEN RING

The Road to the Erdtree

CHAPTER 17
Jar?

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WRIGGLE

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HELLO !!?

HELLOOO! ANYONE!

.....

...BUT LIVING JARS? NO WAY...

SNIRK

SNIRK

I MEAN, I'VE MET SOME SCREWED-UP FOLKS HERE...

NAH, CAN'T BE...

ISH

UH

HELLO ?

UH, WHAT'S WITH THE HUGE JAR?

ANYONE ?

ARE JARS ALIVE IN THE LANDS BETWEEN?

.....

!!

THERE'S SOMEONE IN THERE, RIGHT?

C'MON, TELL THE TRUTH!

AHA!!

IT'S YOU, ISN'T IT, BROTHER PATCHES? IS THIS PART OF A NEW SCAM?

KNOCK KNOCK

OH MY STARS, I'M SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU!!

I AM ALEXANDER— ALSO KNOWN AS THE IRON FIST!

AS YOU CAN SEE, I'M STUCK HERE...

CRAAACK

H-HEY!!

YOU REALLY *ARE* A LIVING JAR!!?

FUME FUME

OWWW! I'M SORRY, OKAY!? QUIT IIIT!!!

SURE, SURE.

NOW POP ON OUTTA THERE!

CLUNK

HEY!!

IT'S RUDE TO KNOCK ON PEOPLE'S HEADS, YOU KNOW!!

YANK

RUF-FIAN!

STOP THAT AT ONCE!!

HUH?

NOW, ARE YOU GOING TO HELP ME OUT OR WHAT!!?

OUCH

S-SURE... WHAT SHOULD I DO?

S.. SORRY...

FUME FUME

HONESTLY!

DIDN'T YOUR PARENTS EVER TEACH YOU NOT TO GO POPPING OFF STRANGERS' LIDS!?

THAT SEEMS PRETTY JAR-SPECIFIC...

ROLL ROLL

TREMBLE TREMBLE TREMBLE

GOD, MY BACK

G-GOOD GOSH!

WAIT!! THAT'S MY FACE!!

IT IS?

ZSH

HERE GOES ...

GIVE ME A GOOD SMACK FROM BEHIND WITH SOME-THING NICE AND BIG.

I'LL POP CLEAN OUT— I'M SURE OF IT!

UM... OKAY...

INDEED!

SMACK AWAY!!

"H" "H" SQUIRM

IS THIS THE RIGHT SIDE?

DOES HE EVEN HAVE A BEHIND?

OKAY, THEN... YOU SURE YOU WANT ME TO HIT YOU?

SWOOSH

WHAT IF YOU CRACK ...?

OH, PUT THOSE DOUBTS TO REST!!

NO... A LITTLE LOWER.

SWIP

IS THIS THE SPOT?

HEY... THAT'S TOO LOW!!

SWIP SWIP

LOWER, HUH...?

YES!! THAT'S THE TICKET !!

HOW 'BOUT HERE?

I DON'T GET IT!

SWIP

SQUEEZE
"H" "H"...

THEN AGAIN...

...I CAN'T REALLY GAUGE HOW HARD TO HIT HIM...

.....

I DUNNO WHAT KIND OF TRAINING MAKES A JAR STRONGER, BUT OKAY...

I'M STURDY AND WELL TRAINED !!

GIVE IT YOUR ALL, I SAY!!

HUH?

A-ASEO.

...

WHAT'S YOUR NAME, GOOD SIR?

Y...

YOU GOT IT!!

GIVE ME THE HARDEST SPANKING YOU CAN MUSTER !!!

ASEO !!

DESPITE MY APPEARANCE, I'M BUT A CHIP OFF A GREATER JAR! WHAT ARE A FEW EXTRA CRACKS, EH!!?

THIS IS NO TIME FOR DOUBT OR HESITATION!

...
UPWARD CUT!!

SWOOSH

KACHOOM!!

C'MON, SKILL!!

STAMP...

ALL RIGHT ...!!

THUNK

DID THAT WORK!?

COME ON, ASEO !!

BJT...

DRIP

UMM..

I-IF YOU SAY SO...

GIVE ME A REAL SMACK ON THE RUMP!!

I BARELY FELT THAT ONE!!

CRACK

POP

!!?

TUNK

ドスッ

!!!

CRUMBLE !

CRACK

CRACK

CRUMBLE

NOW WHAT ?

WHAT THE HELL!? THAT CHIPPED RIGHT OFF...

THERE!

THAT'S THE SPIRIT !!

SLAP

YIKES!

CRAP, CRAP, CRAP!

NOT A CHAIN REACTION!!

EASY NOW...

I-I GUESS I'LL JUST, UH...

...PUT THIS BACK WHERE IT WAS.

SORRY, I'M LOUSY WITH PUZZLES ...

UMMM. MAYBE THIS ONE?

GOOD SIR...

ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE UP TO THE TASK?

THIS GOES IN THIS HOLE...

CLACK

NO...

DOESN'T FIT.

AW, DAMMIT!!

FLUSTER FLUSTER

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LES-SEE...

THIS GOES THERE ...

I CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHICH SHARD GOES WHERE!

NEVER MIND! JUST MIS-SPOKE!

AH-HA-HA-HA-HA...

PUZ-ZLES?

H-HANG ON A SEC!

GRRRK

CRACK

CRACK

CRUMBLE

CRUMBLE

YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T MOVE!!!

I SEE IT'S NO USE!!

I'LL JUST TRY WRIGGLING MYSELF OUT AGAIN!!!

THUD

GEEZ, MAN!!

I TOLD YOU— STOP MOVING!!

STOP SAYING THAT!!

PRESS

WORRY NOT!!

I AM A CHIP OFF A GREATER JAR! I'LL MANAGE ...

HAVEN'T YOU EVER HEARD OF TEMPTING FATE!?

GRRRK

THIS IS BAD!!

I CAN'T HOLD HIM TOGETHER BY MYSELF ...!

HE'S GONNA FALL TO PIECES!

CRACK

MELI-MELI!! LITTLE HELP, HERE!?

HEY...

!!!

THAT'S IT!

C'MON, MELINA, I KNOW YOU'RE WATCHING!! GIMME A HAND!!!

TREMBLE

WHAT PART OF YOU IS STURDY!!? YOU'RE CRACKED UP ALL OVER!!!

OH, COME ON!!

MY SHOULDER BARELY NUDGED YOU!!

FIRST OF ALL...

NO MORE "MELI-MELI-MELI."

I GET THAT YOU'RE PANICKING, BUT STILL

ｸﾞｸﾞｸﾞ GRRRK

TREMBLE

TREMBLE

YOU GOTTA HELP ME!

THUD

JAR'S ABOUT TO BURST, MELI-MELI-MELI!!!

WHAT IS IT?

SWIIIIIIING

!!?

!! WHOOOOOOSH

THEW

... YOU GOT IT.

AH!

SO THAT'S WHAT THAT SCREAMING WAS! YOU CALLED FOR AID!!

HELP ME, GOOD LADY! IT SEEMS I CAN'T GET OUT ON MY OWN!!

WELL, AT LEAST HE'S BACK WHERE HE STARTED ...

SWIDE

IN-DEED.

THAT WAX YOU BROUGHT HAS HIM IN ONE PIECE.

HMM...

IN THAT CASE...

SOMETHING THAT'LL KNOCK HIM LOOSE WITHOUT BREAKING HIM...

HMM... GOT ANY DECENT WEAPONS?

SO...

WHAT'S THE PLAN?

SWIP

NOT LIKE THAT.

A LEVER?

WE COULD USE THE SHAFT AS A LEVER.

GET THE SHAFT UNDER HIM, WITH A ROCK FOR A FULCRUM.

OH, I GET IT!!

ガキ CLANK

FIRST, DIG A LITTLE GAP IN THE GROUND.

DIG

DIG

...WOULDN'T THIS DO THE TRICK?

SWOOSH

RUSTLE

WHERE WERE YOU KEEPING THAT ANYWAY?

THAT WOULD LITERALLY PULVERIZE HIM...

SKRRRCH

OH-HO...!!

PRESS

C'MON, SKILL! STAMP!!

GOTTA PUSH HIM UP GENTLY...

YES!!

IT'S WORKING, FRIENDS! KEEP IT UP!!

THWACK

...UPWARD CUT!

ON IT!!

I'LL PROP HIM UP LIKE THIS. YOUR TURN...

GRRK

HMNH!!

SHUUUNK

POP

OOOH!!

TWIRL

I'D SAY ALL THE CRACKS DID THAT...

AHH!!

WELL PLAYED, FRIENDS, WELL PLAYED! THOUGH THAT MIGHTY WALLOP OF YOURS ALMOST SPELT THE END OF ME!!

WHERE THE HELL DO MELINA AND THIS GUY KEEP THEIR STUFF...?

EXALTED FLESH, THAT'S WHAT!!

IT'S DELICIOUS!

スルスル

SLIDE

UM, THANKS. I THINK...

WELL, I'M OUT NOW, AND THAT'S WHAT COUNTS.

SWISH

AS A TOKEN OF MY APPRECI-ATION, I'D LIKE YOU TO HAVE THIS.

WHAT IS IT?

WHOOOOOOSH

ヒュウウウ…

BEYOND THESE LANDS LIE THE CAELID WILDS.

UPON THEIR SOUTHERN EDGE IS REDMANE CASTLE, IN WHICH A FESTIVAL OF COMBAT IS BEING HELD.

RUSTLE

TUNK!

WARRIOR JAR, IRON FIST ALEXANDER

ONCE AGAIN, I AM THE WARRIOR JAR KNOWN AS IRON FIST ALEXANDER.

I JOURNEY TO THE EAST, WHERE I INTEND TO FURTHER MY EDUCATION IN THE WAYS OF WAR.

HUH ...

A FESTIVAL DOES SOUND LIKE FUN!

WAH HA HA HA HA!

I'D HEARD WHISPERS OF SUCH FESTIVITIES BEFORE...

DOESN'T THE NOTION SET YOUR BREAST AFLUTTER?

INDEED !!

FESTIVAL OF... COMBAT?

DWIING

ヒ°ー！

...WAIT A SECOND!!

LIKE THEY'D HAVE A NORMAL, ENJOYABLE FESTIVAL IN THE LANDS BETWEEN!!

ALL RIGHT !!

I KNOW WHERE I'M HEADED NEXT! ONWARD TO CAELID!!

MELI-MELI'S MAKING THAT FACE TOO...

ちら

GLANCE

WHATEVER GAMES THEY'VE GOT, I BET THEY PLAY ROUGH!!

HE SAID IT WAS A FESTIVAL OF COMBAT!

BWOOP

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ME:III

YOU SHOULD GO. IT SOUNDS LIKE *A LOT* OF FUN.

.....

AND THERE IT IS...

ME:III

I FINALLY FIGURED IT OUT.

THAT LOOK MEANS SHE DOESN'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO ME...

.....

...AS LONG AS IT GETS HER CLOSER TO THE ERDTREE ...!!

SORRY, LEMME CHECK MY SCHEDULE... I MIGHT POP IN IF I HAVE TIME...

ALSO I'M FEELING A LITTLE SICK...

OH, NO NEED TO BE COY WITH ME!

GAH!!

LEG- GO!!

YOINK むんず

ALL RIGHT, ASEO!!

LET US RUN WILD AT THE FESTIVAL TOGETHER!!

...

I'M GOING TO NEED YOU TO GET A LOT STRONGER, ASEO...

ME- LINA !! PLT A STOPPER ON TH S JAR!!

STOMP ドス

STOMP ドス

THRASH THRASH

UH... SERIOUSLY, I'M REALLY NOT FEELING WELL...

ANY WARRIOR WHO CAN GIVE MY BACKSIDE A WALLOP THAT FINE MUST BE GIDDY AT THE THOUGHT OF SUCH A FESTIVAL!!

STOMP ドス

STOMP ドス

MUNCH モグ

I'D LIKE YOU TO UNDERSTAND THAT.

PUT THE OCTOPUS AWAY WHEN YOU SAY STUFF LIKE THAT!!

A FEW BITES OF EXALTED FLESH SHOULD FIX THAT UP!! WAH-HA-HA-HA!!

CAELID

THIS SURE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A FESTIVAL SITE TO ME...

UHH...

I SHOULDA FOUND A CHANCE TO GIVE ALEXANDER THE SLIP!

SHOOOOOOM

FLAP FLAP

I CAN'T DEAL WITH THOSE BIG FREAKY CROWS AT

SWISH

I KNEW I SHOULDN'T HAVE COME HERE!

MY GUT TOLD ME TO *FRICKIN' RUN!!*

THOU SEEMST TO HAVE LOST THY WAY, ASEO.

!!

AD AC AF

MAYBE GIVE THE WEEPING PENINSULA A SHOT...

I SHOULD HEAD BACK TO LIM-GRAVE ...

SKRITCH SKRITCH

ポリポリ

BOLT

WHO'S THERE !!?

MIGHT I SUGGEST A DESTINA-TION?

SHOOOOOOM

NAH, I SHOULD HIT UP ROUNDTABLE HOLD AND GET SOME INFO FIRST...

!!

OH, IT'S YOU, RANNI.

LOOK, I'M KINDA BUSY RIGHT NOW, SO...

SEEK LOVELY LIURNIA OF THE LAKES...

...AND I'LL GIVE THEE A PERSONAL TOUR OF THE AREA.

...

CRAP, I FORGOT SHE'S A DEMIGOD TOO...

TWITCH

TWITCH

.....

UM, I MEAN... WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE ...?

IMPUDENT AS EVER, I SEE...

I CAME TO LIGHT THY PROPER PATH FOR THEE.

SMIRK

...

THAT'S MORE LIKE IT...

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